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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

	)	Case No. C- 03-04669 MJJ (EMC)
RICOH COMPANY, LTD,	)	Case No. C-03-02289 MJJ (EMC)
Plaintiff,	)	
vs.	)	
AEROFLEX ET AL.,	)	COMBINED JOINT CASE
Defendants	)	MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE
	)	STATEMENT AND PROPOSED ORDER
	)	
SYNOPSYS, INC.,	)	
Plaintiff,	)	Date: June 14, 2005
vs.	)	Time: 2:00 p.m.
RICOH COMPANY, LTD.,	)	Courtroom: 11
Defendant.	)	
	)	

Pursuant to FRCP 26(f) and L.R. 16-9, Ricoh Company, Ltd. and Aeroflex, Inc. et al. in Case No. C-03-04669, and Synopsys, Inc. and Ricoh Company, Ltd. in Case No. C-03-02289, jointly and collectively submit this Joint Case Management Conference Statement and Proposed Order.

## DESCRIPTION OF THE CASE

### 1. A brief description of the events underlying the action:

#### a. Ricoh's Description

The Court is already acquainted with the events underlying this action, as set forth in this Court's order of September 22, 2003, the Case Management Conference Statement and Proposed Order, dated April 26, 2004, and the Claim Construction issued by the Court on April 7, 2005.

**Ricoh's claims against the ASIC Defendants.** In January 2003, Ricoh Company, Ltd. ("Ricoh") sued several designers and manufacturers of computer chips in the District of Delaware (C.A. No. 03-103-GMS) for patent infringement, alleging that those Defendants, Aeroflex, Inc. et al (hereinafter the "ASIC Defendants"), were using the steps recited in the process claims of Ricoh's 4,922,432 patent ("432 patent"). The '432 patent describes a highly advanced technical process used in designing and producing certain types of computer chips called ASICs. In carrying out their infringement of the patented process, the ASIC Defendants use software supplied by Synopsys, Inc. ("Synopsys"), and perhaps other suppliers, as part of their process in producing ASICs that they sell. Ricoh has never accused Synopsys itself of infringing the '432 patent and has stated that it will not bring any action for infringement of the '432 patent against Synopsys with respect to Synopsys' past or current software products. Further information about the infringing activities of the ASIC Defendants has been set out in Ricoh's preliminary infringement contentions, served on March 12, 2004.

Contrary to the ASIC Defendants' representations, the activities that infringe certain of the process claims of the '432 patent involve more than the "ordinary use" of a Synopsys product named Design Compiler. Indeed, the ASIC Defendants refuse to represent (even in the absence of discovery) in this submission that they have not changed that which Synopsys calls the "ordinary use" of Design Compiler, and thus effectively are telling the Court that they are not doing what Synopsys calls "ordinary use". Ricoh is seeking in its Complaint damages based upon the ASIC Defendants' revenue derived from their use of the patented process, including the sale of the ASICs made utilizing this

1 process. The ASIC Defendants are obligated to defend against Ricoh's infringement claims without  
2 limitation to particular equipment they may employ when so acting. On August 29, 2003, the Delaware  
3 court granted the ASIC Defendants' motion to transfer that action to this Court. On December 11, 2003,  
4 this Court denied the ASIC Defendants motion to stay, finding that "Ricoh has a 'separate interest' in  
5 litigating against Defendants in the first-filed action."

6         Resorting to hyperbole, Synopsys and the ASIC defendants claim that they are "totally in the  
7 dark" as to the issues in this case. Ricoh's Amended Preliminary Infringement Contentions, which were  
8 prepared consistent with the guidelines articulated by Magistrate Judge Chen regarding both the  
9 infringement and invalidity contentions, demonstrate explicitly how Ricoh is reading each ASIC  
10 Defendants' usage of Synopsys products in the design and production of ASICs. With respect to the  
11 "storing in an expert system knowledge base" limitation, for example, the Amended Preliminary  
12 Infringement Contention (PIC) states: "This element is met when the ASIC Designer stores, installs or  
13 loads HDL Compiler, Design Compiler, and Synthesis Libraries in computer memory of a computer  
14 system." The "expert system knowledge base" referenced in the claim element is therefore found in the  
15 HDL Compiler, Design Compiler, and Synthesis Library components of the Synopsys products. Even if  
16 it were somehow required to do so to prove infringement, it is only because of Synopsys' own  
17 deficiencies in the relevant discovery that Ricoh cannot further pinpoint which module(s) in these  
18 components contains the "expert system knowledge base."

19         Regarding the limitation "applying to the specified definition of the action or condition to be  
20 performed, a set of cell selection rules," the PICs specifically identify:

21         both HDL Compiler and Design Compiler as they are used in conjunction with the Synthesis  
22 Libraries, cell selection rules are applied to the synthetic operators ("specified definitions of the  
23 action[s] or conditions[s]") to perform the selection of the implementations ("selection of  
hardware cells") that perform the desired functions of the proposed ASIC.

24         This passage clearly identifies the manner in which Ricoh is reading the claim limitation on  
25 the ASIC Defendants' use of Synopsys products. To the extent that Ricoh was unable to further define  
26 the precise module or subcomponent that may be responsible for performing this claim limitation is a  
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1 direct result of the failure by Synopsys and the ASIC Defendants to adequately produce the relevant  
2 discovery.<sup>1</sup>

3 **The Declaratory Judgment Action.** Although Synopsys chose not to try to intervene in the  
4 Delaware case, it had indemnified the ASIC Defendants; Synopsys' attorneys assumed control of the  
5 defense and have filed multiple declaratory judgment counterclaims against Ricoh. After months of  
6 litigating the Delaware case, Synopsys filed a declaratory judgment action in this Court with respect to  
7 the '432 patent and another patent (the 5,197,016 patent ("016 patent")) that Ricoh did not assert in the  
8 Delaware case. Ricoh has never accused Synopsys itself of infringing the '432 patent or the '016 patent  
9 and has issued a written commitment that it will not bring any action for infringement of the '432 patent  
10 or the '016 patent against Synopsys with respect to Synopsys' past or current software products. Ricoh  
11 has advised others of the availability of a license under the '016 patent but has not threatened anyone  
12 with infringement of that patent. On September 22, 2003, this Court denied Ricoh's motion to dismiss  
13 Synopsys' declaratory judgment action.

14 **Discovery in late 2003 and early 2004.** In late 2003 and early 2004, this case was marked  
15 by constant bickering between counsel and multiple delays. For example, when Ricoh moved to amend  
16 its complaint in early 2004, the motion was opposed by the ASIC Defendants, even though they  
17 admitted there was no prejudice in the amendment. At an April 6, 2004 hearing on the ASIC  
18 Defendants' opposition to Ricoh's motion to amend the complaint, this Court expressed its frustration at  
19 counsel for the ASIC Defendants for continually delaying the proceedings:

20 It struck me from day one in this case, and I don't know what is going on, motions to strike,  
21 invalidity contentions, I mean, it's just ridiculous. And it's not the way this case is going to  
22 get litigated. And I'm going to tell you now . . . I don't have the resources, and no one else  
around here does, to deal with a case where you want to take it upon yourself to not discuss  
matters that you can resolve without the Court's intervention.

23 (April 6, 2004 Tr. at 3.)  
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28 <sup>1</sup> Amazingly, the ASIC Defendants also fault Ricoh with not issuing a Preliminary Infringement  
Contention applicable to software about which the ASIC Defendants have refused, and continue to  
refuse, to reveal whether or not they use.

Pursuant to the instructions of Magistrate Judge Chen, on April 23, 2004, the parties submitted their respective discovery plans detailing how each side believed discovery should proceed. Ricoh's discovery plan (attached as Exhibit 1) detailed a wide range of areas where the ASIC Defendants and Synopsys had refused to participate in discovery. For example:

- The ASIC Defendants and Synopsys have not produced all of the documents identified in their initial disclosures.
- The ASIC Defendants and Synopsys have not produced the source code for all of the software identified in Ricoh's preliminary infringement charts.
- Although the ASIC Defendants and Synopsys agreed to produce all documents (other than e-mails) by April 30, 2004, they did not do so, and have produced no documents since May 4, 2004. There remains pending a large volume of documents that have never been produced by Synopsys and the ASIC Defendants.
- The ASIC Defendants and Synopsys have objected to a wide range of Ricoh's discovery requests, for example, refusing to produce documents regarding all of the processes and products that Ricoh contends infringe the '432 patent or disclosing the process they actually practice.
- The ASIC Defendants have refused to produce many documents that include source code, inputs, cell libraries and related documentation that is vital to Ricoh's infringement claims.

**The discovery stay.** During the May 4, 2004 Case Management Conference, this Court stated that there should be a stay of discovery related to the merits (e.g., infringement and invalidity). On May 13, 2004, Magistrate Judge Chen issued an Order reaffirming the stay of all discovery not related to claim construction. Consequently, the dates for all actions in this case, other than those related to the Markman process, were suspended pending the Court's claim construction ruling.

The parties nonetheless proceeded with certain depositions in Japan during the discovery stay, and Synopsys permitted Ricoh's experts to have periodic access to some of Synopsys' source code during the discovery stay. Synopsys does not deny withholding access to the source code of many of the products (e.g., Module Compiler, Physical Compiler, etc.) at issue in this case, and it produced only the

1 source code for its Design Compiler product (and its corresponding user interface and compiler  
2 components). Synopsys unilaterally decided what it considered to be the “Synopsys Logic Synthesis  
3 Product” that would be produced. (See footnote 5). Synopsys has produced a single modified version  
4 of the Synopsys Logic Synthesis Product even though up a dozen or more versions have been used by  
5 the ASIC Defendants to infringe the ‘432 patent. Ricoh has explicitly placed at issue many other  
6 products beyond Synopsys’ unilateral product definition; however, Synopsys refuses to permit Ricoh  
7 access to that source code or other documentation.

8           Synopsys has made discovery of its Design Compiler source code difficult by refusing to turn  
9 over the source code in the manner in which it was kept and insisting it be examined only at  
10 inconvenient Synopsys locations under the constant monitoring of Synopsys personnel and under the  
11 strict procedures limiting availability and access, using “custom software” Synopsys wrote for that  
12 purpose.<sup>2</sup> While Synopsys several times mentions that it made the code “available” for 34 or 46 weeks,  
13 it fails to reveal that the source code had over 21 million lines of code that incorporated tens of  
14 thousands of source files, many of which were not humanly readable. Months into Ricoh’s review,  
15 Synopsys admitted that of the tens of thousands of source code files provided, many were for products  
16 not at issue in the case and thus irrelevant. Synopsys initially required Ricoh to use a workstation  
17 computer that was at least five orders of magnitude slower than an ordinary personal computer. That  
18 workstation suffered multiple outages, each requiring the scheduling of a service call with an off-site  
19 Synopsys technician with attendant losses in inspection time. The workstation ultimately experienced a  
20 catastrophic failure and it took several months for Ricoh to convince Synopsys to permit Ricoh to buy a  
21 higher speed computer workstation for use in connection with code inspection after Synopsys decided to  
22 change the inspection site from Maryland to California.

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25 <sup>2</sup> Synopsys has only now admitted that it has not provided a typical environment in which the source  
26 code would operate. Instead, it created, at its own expense and initiative, custom software for Ricoh’s  
27 experts to use when accessing the code, when in fact, the source code must have been initially accessible  
28 in its native environment. This new and unique software has not worked, which explains some of the  
problems detailed in the main text that Ricoh encountered. Likewise, Ricoh has not been using Design  
Compiler for 17 years – indeed, Design Compiler has not existed in its present form for even a fraction  
of that time – and Ricoh’s use of Design Compiler as a customer is no substitute for a proper inspection  
of the closely-guarded source code by experts.

1 There has been virtually no merits discovery for more than 13 months.

2 **The Markman briefing, hearing and claim construction ruling.** Between March and  
3 August 2004, the parties exchanged claim constructions and filed Markman briefs. Between October  
4 2004 and January 2005, the Court conducted several hearings related to claim construction. On April 7,  
5 2005, the Court issued its Order construing the claims.

6 **Stipulation narrowing the claims at issue.** During the stay period, in June and July 2004,  
7 the parties negotiated and the Court entered a Stipulated Order that had the effect of dismissing all  
8 claims and counterclaims except those relating Ricoh's allegations that the ASIC Defendants infringe  
9 claims 13-17 of the '432 patent. All other claims relating to the '432 patent, and all issues relating to the  
10 '016 patent, were dismissed by Court Order in the *Ricoh v. Aeroflex* litigation on July 8, 2004. A similar  
11 stipulation and order was entered in the *Synopsys v. Ricoh* litigation on July 7, 2004, making those two  
12 cases congruent with respect to the patent claims at issue.

13 **Consolidation vs. stay and/or bifurcation.** A threshold issue is whether the earlier-filed  
14 *Ricoh v. Aeroflex* infringement action should be consolidated with the later-filed *Synopsys v. Ricoh*  
15 declaratory judgment action. There are no patent infringement claims or counterclaims in the  
16 declaratory judgment action. The declaratory judgment claims in the *Synopsys v. Ricoh* litigation are  
17 identical in scope and language to the declaratory judgment counterclaims in this litigation. Ricoh  
18 believes that consolidation is appropriate, with Ricoh, the first filer and patent owner, as the plaintiff.

19 Synopsys and the ASIC Defendants claim that they will consent to consolidation if Ricoh  
20 blindly waives any right to proceed with its infringement claims based upon how the ASIC Defendants  
21 input specifications into Design Compiler. In a stunning admission of how little their attorneys know  
22 about their own client's business, counsel for the ASIC Defendants write (at p. 13) that "it is most  
23 probable that the customer defendants use the same forms of input to Design Compiler that the vast  
24 majority of Synopsys' customers use--Verilog and VHDL . . . ." The fact that the attorneys for the ASIC  
25 Defendants do not know what kinds of inputs their clients use, while simultaneously conditioning their  
26 consent for consolidation upon an uninformed demand for a stipulation to that effect, is stunning. It  
27 would most irresponsible for Ricoh to even consider such an informed request.



Thus, Synopsys and the ASIC Defendants effectively oppose consolidation and refuse to participate in setting a schedule for discovery on Ricoh's infringement claims. Synopsys and the ASIC Defendants instead propose breaking up the dispute before this Court into tiny segments, each of which to be handled as if it were a separate case: a trial on their affirmative defenses first, then a trial on the infringement merits, then separate damages trials.<sup>3</sup> The ASIC Defendants claim that they will be bound by a validity ruling but leave unresolved all other issues including Ricoh's infringement claims and all damage issues. Thus, the ASIC defendants want to narrowly define the accused products and then try only their affirmative defenses while ignoring the merits. With respect to the narrow scope of the products, there are two fundamental problems: first, they do not want to try all of the products that Ricoh has accused of infringement. Second, of their self-defined Synopsys Logic Synthesis Product that there were at least 12 major revisions of the Design Compiler source code during the infringement period before the first-filed case began, but the ASIC defendants propose limiting the possibility of infringement to only one, the "2003.12 source code release," which they have arbitrarily chosen from the releases after the first-filed case was begun and even though Synopsys has produced manuals which related to a different release (2002.05; see footnote 19 *infra*).<sup>4</sup> Synopsys and the ASIC Defendants also propose bifurcating damages with respect to each of the seven defendants, implying that multiple additional trials will become necessary. Ricoh opposes such bifurcation as unnecessary and wasteful of this Court's resources. While there may be separate calculations for each group of defendants, as there are in any multiple defendant action, Ricoh believes that the Court should approach damages in a consistent manner regardless of the identity of the defendant under consideration.

Synopsys and the ASIC Defendants also announce their intention to renew the stay motion, which has already been denied by both the Delaware court and this Court. In December 2003, this Court

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<sup>3</sup> It seems incongruous that the ASIC defendants would oppose consolidation and propose that the cases be bifurcated in that the ASIC defendants could find themselves liable beyond any indemnification provisions provided by Synopsys. The ASIC defendants, however, have ceded complete control of this litigation, so it appears their separate interests are not being independently addressed.

<sup>4</sup> Therefore, Synopsys desire to resolve Ricoh's infringement claim by selecting one particular version of one self-designated product, Design Compiler, without regard to any other version of Design Compiler or any product beyond Design Compiler.



1 ruled that “Ricoh has a ‘separate interest’ in litigating against the [ASIC] Defendants in the first-filed  
2 action.” The ASIC Defendants do not identify why that “separate interest” finding is no longer  
3 applicable. As shown below, the ASIC defendants have refused to respond to discovery regarding their  
4 infringing activities. They refuse to represent (even in the absence of discovery) in this submission that  
5 they have not changed that which Synopsys calls the “ordinary use” of Design Compiler, and have  
6 conceded that they have done so. Thus, the ASIC Defendants effectively have told this Court that the  
7 case against them will continue even should Synopsys prevail, ending its obligation to defend them (see  
8 footnote 5 *infra*) and leaving the ASIC Defendants to their own devices.

9 Synopsys and the ASIC Defendants propose the stay of Ricoh’s infringement action begun in  
10 January 2003 remain in effect until a decision is rendered sometime after their proposed May 2006 trial  
11 against Synopsys in the second-filed case, at which time discovery could begin again, resulting in a trial  
12 in, perhaps 2008 (assuming that there are no issues that are sought to be appealed). There is no valid  
13 reason for a stay.<sup>5</sup> Ricoh, in its first filed action, is entitled to have a resolution to its outstanding  
14 conflict with the ASIC defendants within a reasonable time.

15 Finally, Synopsys and the ASIC Defendants claim that they want to file an additional  
16 summary judgment motions, even though both sides agree that the deadline should be after close of fact  
17 discovery. For example, they claim an intent to renew a prior motion for partial summary judgment that  
18 some, but not all, of the ASIC Defendants had filed under 35 U.S.C. 271(g). When that earlier 271(g)  
19 motion was made, Ricoh asked for discovery pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P. 56(f) since the ASIC Defendants  
20 had mostly refused to produce discovery designed to reveal what they actually did. An extremely  
21 limited deposition of a Matrox defendant revealed that contrary to representations found in Matrox  
22 declarations, activities had been conducted within the United States. After that discovery, the ASIC  
23 Defendants hastily withdrew their pending motion for partial summary judgment. Ricoh disagrees with  
24 the statement by Synopsys and the ASIC Defendants that any attempt to renew that motion will be  
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27 <sup>5</sup> The argument proffered by Synopsys’ and the ASIC defendants to litigate the Synopsys DJ action first  
28 and then, and only then, commence the ASIC defendant litigation is unreasonable and akin to a  
defendant in a patent infringement action arguing that the action should be litigated element by element,  
where litigation one element does not commence until the litigation has been completed on a prior  
element.

1 limited to expert issues; instead, Ricoh will require additional discovery on the “proximate relationship”  
2 between the ‘432 patented invention and the ASICs produced by the ASIC Defendants. That  
3 relationship is best seen in claim 14 of the ‘432 patent. This Court noted (at footnote 4, page 8 of the  
4 Markman Order) that at least a portion of the invention (i.e., generation of mask data) was required to  
5 produce an integrated circuit and was a distinct process apart from the design steps (as recited in claim  
6 13) that culminated in the generation of a netlist. This fact shows that the claimed process, at least as  
7 recited in claim 14, is in a “proximate relationship” to the production of ASICs. While the ASIC  
8 Defendants would like to assert that there is no relationship between the ‘432 patent and the manufacture  
9 of ASICs, Ricoh maintains that neither the patent, nor the claim construction, nor the facts, support the  
10 defendants’ argument. In any event, even with this proposed partial summary judgment motion, the  
11 ASIC Defendants effectively concede that the case against them would still continue.

12 The dispositive motion cut off proposed by the parties is rapidly approaching (both are  
13 during the first quarter of next year). There is no good reason to consider permit piecemeal motions of a  
14 dispositive nature before that time.

15 **Final infringement contentions.** Ricoh understood the Court’s May 2004 discovery stay to  
16 suspend all obligations imposed by the court’s scheduling orders and the local rules until a new schedule  
17 was established after the claim construction ruling was issued. After the claim construction ruling was  
18 issued on April 7, 2005, lead counsel for the parties spoke by telephone on April 21, 2005, and Ricoh’s  
19 counsel understood the parties to agree that all dates and obligations were suspended until a new  
20 schedule was established. Since merits discovery had been stayed at that time for about 11 months (now  
21 about 13 months), and because the ASIC Defendants and Synopsys have not provided all of the  
22 documents and source code for the products identified in Ricoh’s preliminary infringement charts, Ricoh  
23 believes that it should obtain discovery and have time to analyze it prior to the submission of its final  
24 infringement contentions. If the ASIC defendants and Synopsys had not withheld discovery and if  
25 discovery had not been stayed, then Ricoh would have obtained discovery needed for it to proceed with  
26 presenting its final infringement contentions.

27 On May 31, 2005, however, counsel for the ASIC Defendants and Synopsys served what  
28 purported to be the final invalidity contentions of Synopsys and the ASIC Defendants, with a footnote

asserting that Ricoh did not timely present its final infringement contentions “and its opportunity to do so has passed.”<sup>6</sup> This position by the ASIC Defendants and Synopsys came as a surprise to Ricoh, because it is inconsistent with the suspension of all due dates other than those relating to the Markman process, inconsistent with the agreement between counsel that new dates for presenting such charts needed to be set in the schedule, and because counsel for the ASIC Defendants and Synopsys never informed Ricoh of their apparent belief to the contrary, either before or after the purported date for the final infringement contentions. In a telephone conference on June 2, 2005, counsel for the ASIC Defendants and Synopsys maintained their position but said that they would consider extending the time for Ricoh to submit its final infringement contentions to 30 days after the CMC hearing. As noted above, however, Ricoh has been denied discovery on most of the products and source code identified in Ricoh’s preliminary infringement contentions and the ASIC Defendants and Synopsys continue to withhold documents because of the stay of discovery and suspension of the due dates for the past 13 months. Ricoh should have a fair opportunity to receive and analyze such discovery prior to the submission of its final infringement contentions. Therefore, Synopsys’ and the ASIC defendants’ proposal of Ricoh’s submission of the contentions 30 days after the CMC is inappropriate. If discovery is limited or not permitted until after such contentions are filed, as suggested, it will inevitably lead to unnecessarily burdening the Court with numerous vigorously contested motions to amend the contentions. Ricoh believes it is more appropriate to provide the final infringement contentions in accordance with the time schedule noted below.

#### **b. Description of Synopsys and the ASIC Defendants**

Although this case has been pending for more than two years, the Court has issued its claim construction ruling, and three of Ricoh’s experts have had 46 weeks of access to the source code for the Synopsys Logic Synthesis Product<sup>7</sup> (although they have only utilized 34 weeks), Synopsys and the

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<sup>6</sup> Counsel for Ricoh did not receive any communication from the counsel for Synopsys and the ASIC defendants inquiring whether Ricoh intentionally failed to provide the final infringement contentions.

<sup>7</sup> The “Synopsys Logic Synthesis Product” is defined in Paragraph 18 of Synopsys’ Amended Complaint For Declaratory Judgment as “Design Compiler® software, HDL Compiler™ for Verilog, VHDL Compiler® and DesignWare Foundation libraries . . .”

customer defendants are still totally in the dark with respect to how Ricoh reads any of the elements of the claims at issue on the Synopsys Logic Synthesis Product.<sup>8</sup> For example, Ricoh has never articulated in its Amended Preliminary Infringement Contentions, or elsewhere, where it finds an “expert system,” “knowledge base” or a “set of cell selection rules” in the Synopsys Logic Synthesis Product.<sup>9</sup> As a result, Synopsys still finds itself in the compromised commercial position of not being able to clear the cloud over its most important product and to quickly establish that the ordinary use of the Synopsys Logic Synthesis Product does not infringe Ricoh’s ‘432 patent.

Once Synopsys establishes that the ordinary use of its product does not infringe the ‘432 patent it will be relieved of any indemnity obligation to its customers and will be free of the cloud over its business.<sup>10</sup> If Ricoh fails to show that all of the non-input related claim elements<sup>11</sup> are present in the Synopsys Logic Synthesis Product, the customers would also be in a position to have their case

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<sup>8</sup> Despite the fact that the Court entered a stay of discovery, in the interests of disposing of this case as soon as possible, Synopsys has made its source code for the Synopsys Logic Synthesis Products available to Ricoh’s experts for 46 weeks. Synopsys did not merely turn over the source code in the manner in which it was kept, which it was entitled to do, but instead, at its own expense, wrote custom software for the source code produced to ensure that Ricoh’s experts would be able to compile it. It took the equivalent of one full time engineer over 30 days to get the system up and running. In addition to the source code and custom software listed above, which is all Synopsys committed to provide, Synopsys also produced the source code for Presto, Physical Compiler, and Module Compiler, as well as the standard target technology libraries, link libraries, and symbol libraries. Therefore, all subsequent use of the term “Synopsys Logic Synthesis Product” in this statement will also include these items. Thus, even if the Court deems it appropriate to include these other Synopsys products in the customer suit, Ricoh has had nearly a year of access to the source code for these products as well. Recently, Ricoh requested that they be permitted to increase the number of experts with access to the source code from three to five and Synopsys readily agreed that they could do so. In addition to the source code, Synopsys produced the product manuals for the Synopsys Logic Synthesis Product.

<sup>9</sup> The descriptions provided in Ricoh’s section of this Statement simply serve to demonstrate the inadequacy and vagueness of Ricoh’s position. Ricoh simply repeatedly points at the grouping of the HDL Compiler, Design Compiler, and Synthesis Library components as fulfilling each claim element. These generalized contentions do not satisfy Ricoh’s burden of showing where each claim element is found in the accused instrumentality.

<sup>10</sup> The Synopsys Logic Synthesis Product accepts only certain types of input. If the ordinary use of the Synopsys Logic Synthesis Product, including those specific input types, do not infringe, Synopsys is relieved of its indemnity obligations to its customers.

<sup>11</sup> Non-input related claim elements include for example: “expert system,” “knowledge base,” and the “selecting” step.

1 dismissed because the only accused instrumentality requires use of the Synopsys Logic Synthesis  
2 Product. In other words, Ricoh vaguely alleges that it is the customer defendants' input together with  
3 the Synopsys Logic Synthesis Product that infringes its '432 Patent claims. Since Ricoh must show that  
4 each element of its asserted claims are infringed, it is indisputable that if the non-input claim elements  
5 are not found in the Synopsys Logic Synthesis Product, then the customer defendants do not infringe  
6 regardless of the nature of their input.

7 Ricoh vaguely alleges that there are activities by the customer defendants that involve more than  
8 the "ordinary use" of Design Compiler. In fact, Ricoh incredibly states that the customer defendants  
9 have conceded that they are not doing what Synopsys calls "ordinary use." It is telling that Ricoh does  
10 not point to **anything** to support this completely false assertion, because there is simply no support for it  
11 either in the record or in fact. In fact, it is most probable that the customer defendants use the same  
12 forms of input to Design Compiler that the vast majority of Synopsys' customers use—Verilog and  
13 VHDL—and they may be willing to stipulate to that fact if Ricoh will identify those inputs as the ones  
14 that it believes infringe the '432 patent. If Ricoh is saying that the customer defendants' input of  
15 Verilog or VHDL infringes the '432 patent, then that is the "ordinary use" of Design Compiler, and trial  
16 of the Declaratory Judgment case should resolve both cases.

17 If Ricoh truly alleges that there is some other activity that the customer defendants do that  
18 involves more than the "ordinary use" of Design Compiler, neither Synopsys nor the customer  
19 defendants can adequately respond to this allegation since Ricoh has provided no specifics as to this  
20 "more than ordinary use." More than two years into this case, it is time for Ricoh to provide detailed  
21 contentions of what it believes the customer defendants do that infringes the '432 patent. If there  
22 actually is "more than ordinary use" of Design Compiler by the customer defendants that Ricoh can  
23 articulate, Synopsys and the customer defendants believe that the customer suit should be stayed  
24 pending the outcome of the Declaratory Judgment trial. Synopsys' Declaratory Judgment suit should  
25 proceed to trial with all due haste. Synopsys has set forth a time frame for the trial of the Declaratory  
26 Judgment case. The Customer Defendants have already agreed and reiterate here that they will be  
27 bound by any adjudication respecting the validity of the patents as well as any finding that the ordinary  
28 use of the Synopsys Logic Synthesis Product infringes the '432 patent. The trial of the declaratory

1 judgment case will therefore, either eliminate the need for a trial of the Customer case at all, or  
2 substantially narrow the issues for trial.<sup>12</sup>

3 Synopsis and the Customer Defendants identify below several key issues that they believe  
4 must be addressed in order to provide a proper framework for determining 1) whether the customer case  
5 should be stayed, 2) and if not stayed, whether the cases should be consolidated, 3) whether damages  
6 issues should be bifurcated, and 4) the proper scope of discovery in either case.

7 **Claim Construction Ruling.** The Customer Defendants would like to renew their summary  
8 judgment motion of noninfringement of the '432 Patent under 35 U.S.C. Section 271(g). In its claim  
9 construction ruling, the Court determined that the "computer aided design process" described in Claim  
10 13 of the '432 Patent "does not include a manufacturing process for ASICs." Resolution of this issue  
11 will narrow the issues in the case, eliminate parties, narrow the relevant discovery and enhance the  
12 potential for settlement which is frustrated at this moment by the parties' differing positions on whether  
13 the relevant economic measure for damages is the revenue on ASIC sales or merely software licensing  
14 fees.

15 Contrary to Ricoh's suggestion, the 271(g) motion will **not** require voluminous additional  
16 discovery from the customer defendants on the "proximate relationship" between the '432 patented  
17 invention and the ASICs produced. All that will be required is expert opinion. Ricoh is simply  
18 attempting to conduct yet another fishing expedition to collect damages-related information from the  
19 customer defendants.

20 If the Section 271(g) claims are eliminated from the case, the foreign defendants can  
21 move to be dismissed from the case and relevant discovery will exclude, among other things, any  
22 manufacturing processes, any design processes not taking place in the United States, and discovery  
23 related to the ASIC products themselves (except perhaps as it relates to damages, which relevance is  
24 also disputed by Synopsis and the Customer Defendants).

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28 <sup>12</sup> With guidance from the Court, the customer defendants are willing to provide limited discovery  
sufficient to show the types of input they have used in connection with the Synopsis Logic Synthesis  
Product in designing ASICs.



1           **Final Infringement Contentions.** Ricoh has not served any Final Infringement Contentions.  
2 Since the date provided for serving such final contentions has passed, pursuant to the Local Rules, Ricoh  
3 would now be foreclosed from revising its infringement contentions absent a showing of good cause and  
4 an order of the Court. Synopsys and the Customer Defendants served timely Final Invalidity  
5 Contentions on May 31, 2005.

6           Ricoh asserts that it understood the Court's stay of discovery to include a suspension of  
7 the parties' Local Rules obligations. This was never Synopsys' or the Customer Defendants'  
8 understanding. There is no Court order or other statement of the Court at any hearing, of which  
9 Synopsys and the Customer Defendants are aware, and Ricoh has pointed to none, that indicates a  
10 suspension of the Local Rules requirements was contemplated. Moreover, Ricoh has blatantly  
11 mischaracterized the conversation between counsel on April 21, 2005. Not only was there no agreement  
12 that dates for presenting final contentions were suspended and needed to be set in the schedule, that  
13 issue was never discussed at all. Rather, there was a query and a confirmation that the stay entered by  
14 the Court was continuing until the status conference. The entire purpose of the call was to determine  
15 whether the parties should jointly request that a status conference be scheduled. Ricoh's counsel never  
16 raised the Local Rules or the final contentions at all and never informed Synopsys' counsel that Ricoh  
17 understood the Local Rules obligations to be suspended as part of the stay. Ricoh's counsel certainly  
18 never asked Synopsys' and the Customer Defendants' counsel to agree to suspend the Local Rules  
19 obligations and, in any event, that is not something that Synopsys' and the Customer Defendants'  
20 counsel understands can be done by agreement of the parties without approval from the Court.

21           Synopsys and the Customer Defendants have been prejudiced by Ricoh's failure to  
22 provide adequate infringement contentions because it is those contentions which should provide the  
23 framework within which the Court considers the issues of stay, consolidation and the scope of discovery  
24 and their absence has had the effect of delaying the case yet again. Given that Ricoh has represented  
25 that it was its belief that the Local Rules obligations were suspended, Synopsys and the Customer  
26 Defendants urge the Court to set a deadline for the submission of Ricoh's Final Infringement  
27 contentions as early as possible but in no event later than 30 days from the date of the Status  
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Conference.<sup>13</sup> Synopsys and the Customer Defendants should then have an additional 20 days to provide their Final Invalidity Contentions.<sup>14</sup> The court should set another status conference as soon as possible after submission of the parties' final contentions to address the schedule and other issues herein.<sup>15</sup> Once the Final Contentions are submitted, neither side should be able to amend absent a showing of good cause and order of the Court.

Synopsys requests that the court provide guidance with respect to the detail required for the final contentions. Ricoh's Preliminary Infringement Contentions were utterly inadequate. Defendants were forced to file a motion to seek more detailed infringement contentions. At two separate hearings on May 27 and June 16, 2004, and by order dated June 17, 2005, Judge Chen made clear that the amended preliminary infringement contentions were to include as much information as Ricoh currently knew about its infringement contentions, that they needed to provide information specific to each defendant on a product by product basis and that there needed to be an identification of where in each accused product they found each element of the asserted claims. Ricoh's last amended Preliminary Infringement Contentions did not provide that information. For example, Ricoh's Amended Preliminary Contentions did not specify what in the accused products constitutes:

- the "expert system knowledge base,"
- the "set of rules for selecting," or
- "architecture independent actions and conditions."

Rather, Ricoh stated identical contentions for each defendant stating "[defendant] infringes claim 13 by performing a process . . . in which [it] describes input specifications (using User Interfaces) and synthesizes such specifications using the combination of Design Compiler, HDL Compiler, and the Synthesis Libraries."

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<sup>13</sup> The Local Rules provided Ricoh with 30 days after the claim construction ruling to submit its final contentions.

<sup>14</sup> The Local Rules provide the alleged infringer 50 days after the claim construction to submit its final contentions.

<sup>15</sup> The stay entered by the Court should remain in place until the final contentions of the parties are submitted and the Court holds the next status conference.

1 Ricoh is a Synopsys customer and has used the Design Compiler Product for approximately  
2 17 years, so it should be very familiar with its functions, features and the types of input it will accept.  
3 Now, having the benefit of the Court's claim construction ruling, 34 weeks of access to the source code  
4 for the Synopsys Logic Synthesis Product, and many more weeks than that to review the product  
5 manuals, Ricoh's Final Infringement Contentions should set forth with specificity where it is alleging  
6 each element of each asserted claim is met in the accused products or combination of products, and  
7 specifically how it is reading the non-input claim elements on the Synopsys Logic Synthesis Product  
8 source code.

9 Synopsys and the Customer Defendants know that the Synopsys Logic Synthesis Product  
10 does not include the required elements. They believe the case is ripe for bringing summary judgment  
11 motions with respect to some of these terms as soon as possible to achieve an early disposition of this  
12 case. Synopsys would like to discuss at the status conference whether the Court will entertain summary  
13 judgment motions at this juncture.

14 **The Customer Defendants' Case Should Be Limited to Synopsys' Logic Synthesis Software.**

15 In Ricoh's portion of this statement entitled "Ricoh's claims against the ASIC Defendants," it twice  
16 makes reference to the fact that it believes this case is potentially about logic synthesis software  
17 provided by suppliers other than Synopsys. Ricoh states "In carrying out their infringement of the  
18 patented process, the ASIC Defendants use software supplied by Synopsys, *and perhaps other suppliers*,  
19 as part of their process in producing ASICs that they sell." Ricoh also states that "The ASIC Defendants  
20 are obligated to defend against Ricoh's infringement claims *without limitation to particular equipment*  
21 *they may employ* when so acting."

22 Synopsys and the Customer Defendants request that the Court limit the discovery and the issues  
23 to be tried in this case to the Customer Defendants' use of Synopsys' products. In other words, all non-  
24 input claim elements must be met by Synopsys' products, not the logic synthesis products of any of its  
25 competitors. At the outset of the case, when the Customer Defendants asked on what basis they had  
26 been sued, they were told that they were sued because they used Synopsys' Design Compiler product.  
27 Ricoh's Preliminary Infringement Contentions reference Synopsys' products only. It appears from  
28 discovery taken prior to the stay, that Ricoh's pre-filing "analysis" was limited to a review of the

capabilities of the Synopsys Design Compiler product and evidence that Ricoh believed indicated that each of the defendants utilize Design Compiler. No analysis of competing software tools was done, and there is no basis for the suggestion in Ricoh's description of the case that its scope ought to be expanded to include other software products beyond the Synopsys Logic Synthesis Product. The case has been pending for more than two years, the claim construction is in place, and all the parties have indicated that they do not intend to join any additional parties. Since the customers would not have source code for any logic synthesis software they use, and no other logic synthesis software suppliers are parties to this case, the discovery in this case and the issues to be tried should be limited to design in connection with the Synopsys Logic Synthesis Product.

**Source Code Production and Proposed Stipulations re Same.** Contrary to Ricoh's suggestion that there has been virtually no merits discovery for more than 13 months, Synopsys has made its source code (and custom software to ensure Ricoh's experts could compile the code) available now for over 46 weeks.<sup>16</sup> This produced source code includes each and every item requested by Ricoh herein: Design Compiler, HDL Compiler for Verilog, VHDL Compiler, Design Ware Foundation libraries (also known as Design Compiler Basic Library, DesignWare Building Block IP, and synthetic libraries), Presto, Physical Compiler, and Module Compiler.<sup>17</sup> In addition, Synopsys provided the standard target technology libraries, link libraries, and symbol libraries that are provided to customers, who usually replace them with their own.<sup>18</sup> Synopsys provided the source code for the Physical Compiler and Module Compiler which allowed Ricoh to review these products. During the source code discovery to

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<sup>16</sup> Ricoh complains that it has only had "periodic access" to the source code. Yet, other than the time when a new machine had to be purchased and configured because of an unexpected system failure (which occurred on August 26, 2004, the day before the initial review period was due to expire, with Synopsys offering to procure an upgraded machine on August 31, 2004 – 5 days later, not the "several months" Ricoh has concocted), Ricoh has had continuous access to the source code for more than a year. However, Ricoh has not done **any** review of the source code since March 4, 2005, and does not plan to recommence its review until July 11, 2005, because of the purported unavailability of its expert.

<sup>17</sup> Synopsys does not have a product called Design Ware Expert Libraries, and therefore did not provide it.

<sup>18</sup> Design libraries may be created automatically during an intermediate step as part of the input process. Therefore, Synopsys has no such libraries to provide, though Ricoh can generate them if it wishes.

1 date, Ricoh never requested a license key to run the Physical Compiler or Module Compiler products  
2 included with the production and one was not originally provided. Synopsys is willing to install license  
3 keys for those products—additionally Synopsys can install sample scripts and physical libraries not  
4 normally shipped to customers to aid in running Physical Compiler—prior to Ricoh’s recommencement  
5 of its source code review on July 11, 2005.

6 Synopsys made two versions of the code available: 1) the earliest version of the code that it had  
7 in its possession (version 2.0 from the period around 1990 or 1991) and the most recent version of the  
8 code that it had at the time it began the production (version 2003.12). Synopsys provided Ricoh with a  
9 printer and 5000 sheets of paper so that it could print any portions of the code it wished. Synopsys also  
10 indicated that it would provide the history on any particular portions or modules of the code that Ricoh  
11 requested. Ricoh made no such requests. Furthermore, Synopsys offered to answer any questions that  
12 Ricoh had about the code, if they provided them in writing. Ricoh did not submit any such questions.  
13 In addition to the source code, Synopsys has also produced the product User Manuals.<sup>19</sup>

14 Ricoh asserts herein that Synopsys has not provided all of the source code for the products  
15 identified in its preliminary infringement charts. It is unclear what Ricoh means by “all of the source  
16 code.” If Ricoh is not referring to the source code for the products that Synopsys has already provided,  
17 as addressed above, perhaps Ricoh is referring to the different releases of the software. Since 1997,<sup>20</sup> on  
18 average there have been at least two major releases of the Synopsys Logic Synthesis Product per year  
19 and several more minor releases. At a minimum, there were at least 18 major releases of the Synopsys  
20 Logic Synthesis Product during the potential damage period. Since it takes approximately 30 days on  
21 the part of a full time equivalent engineer to provide each buildable version of the software, it is not  
22 practicable or reasonable to expect that Synopsys will produce source code for every major release of  
23 the product from 1997 to the present. It is also unimaginable how long the trial would take or the  
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26 <sup>19</sup> In order to comply with Ricoh’s request, Synopsys produced the 2002.05 version of the User  
27 Manuals, which were the current manuals at the time of production. During the meet and confer  
28 regarding this Joint Statement, Synopsys’ counsel agreed to produce the 2003.12 version of the manuals  
as well.

<sup>20</sup> This assumes that Ricoh can claim damages for 6 years prior to the filing of its suit against the  
Customer Defendants in February 2003.

verdict forms would have to be if Ricoh is required to prove infringement of every major release of the Synopsys Logic Synthesis Product, let alone if the minor releases are also considered. In order to narrow the issues for trial and the scope of discovery, Synopsys and the Customer Defendants propose that they enter a stipulation that the infringement liability for the entire damage period be based upon the 2003.12 source code release.<sup>21</sup>

**Synopsys Supports Consolidation of the Liability Cases if Ricoh Agrees that its Infringement Allegations are Based Upon Verilog or VHDL Input and No Third Party Products are Included.** The customer defendants are willing to investigate entering into a stipulation that they provide input to Design Compiler in the form of Verilog or VHDL descriptions, as do the vast majority of Synopsys' customers, if Ricoh will agree that this is the form of input it believes infringes the '432 patent, and will also agree that it will not pursue any infringement theories that include a non-Synopsys synthesis software (i.e., any third party software that performs similar or the same functions to Design Compiler). In that case, Synopsys supports consolidation of the liability phase of the cases, with the much simplified discovery it would entail.<sup>22</sup> However, if Ricoh continues to allege that the customer defendants do more than the "ordinary use" of Design Compiler or that infringement may be based upon the use of software other than Design Compiler, Synopsys is opposed to consolidation. Synopsys wants and is entitled to the earliest possible adjudication of whether the ordinary use of the Synopsys Logic Synthesis Product infringes. If it does not, Synopsys will be free of the cloud confronting its business, free of its indemnity obligations to the Customer Defendants and to all of its customers with respect to infringement allegations by Ricoh. To the extent any issues remain, Synopsys will withdraw from its involvement in and control of the Customer Defendants suit.

Although there is identity of the patent claims at issue in the two suits, they may not be

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<sup>21</sup> Synopsys acknowledges that the oldest version of the source code produced (version 2.0) has segments that no longer exist in the source code and did not exist in the 2003.12 release version. That is why Synopsys communicated that it would provide the history with respect to specific segments or modules of the code at Ricoh's request, but no such requests have been made.

<sup>22</sup> Synopsys and the customer defendants believe that the liability phase of the cases could be consolidated under these circumstances. However, as discussed in more detail below, Synopsys and the customer defendants suggest that the trial is bifurcated into separate liability and damages phases.

coextensive in a number of other respects. First, although it has never identified anything other than the ordinary use of Design Compiler, in its description of the case, Ricoh contends “the activities that infringe certain of the process claims of the ‘432 patent involve more than the ‘ordinary use’ of a Synopsys product called Design Compiler.” Second, as stated above, as of yet, it is not clear that the Customer Defendants’ case is limited to the Synopsys product as opposed to including also logic synthesis products of its competitors. Third, given the ambiguities of Ricoh’s preliminary infringement contentions it is theoretically possible that Ricoh is focused on something that the Customer Defendants do in providing input, for example using an additional software product or graphical user interface, that would translate a flowchart into an RTL specification that could then be input into Design Compiler.<sup>23</sup>

If the Court consolidates the two cases, Synopsys believes that the Court should bifurcate the issues of liability and damages.<sup>24</sup> While the question of liability does involve some issues that are common to each of the defendants in Ricoh’s case against the customers, and to the declaratory judgment Synopsys seeks, the question of damages is complicated, does not involve Synopsys, and should be reserved for a separate trial. The question of damages is complicated and particular to each of the Defendants, and, will require specific inquiry into each product alleged to have been designed using the infringing process. Ricoh contends that it is entitled to a portion of the revenue stream from each such product. The Customer Defendants expect to contend that the ASIC products designed using the allegedly infringing process could have been designed using non-infringing alternative techniques and that Ricoh’s recovery must, therefore, be limited to the difference in cost of the two design techniques. Proving or disproving each of these damages theories will require delving into the particulars of each design alleged to have been produced by the infringing method, and will be quite time consuming.

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<sup>23</sup> This last point would be obviated if Ricoh would unambiguously state that its infringement theory is related to the input of Verilog or VHDL descriptions by the Customer Defendants to Design Compiler.

<sup>24</sup> The Customer Defendants request that with the exception of limited discovery sufficient to show the types of input the customers have used in conjunction with Synopsys’ product when designing ASICs, the damages discovery should be stayed.

**2. Principal factual and legal issues in dispute.**

**a. Ricoh's Description**

*Ricoh's statement of disputed factual issues:*

a. Whether the ASIC Defendants, or someone on their behalf, practice the process disclosed in the '432 patent.

b. Whether the ASIC Defendants infringe the '432 patent.

c. The amount of damages to be awarded to Ricoh.

d. Whether the ASIC Defendants acted willfully in infringing the '432 patent.

*Ricoh's statement of disputed legal issues:*

e. Whether ASIC Defendants can prove by clear and convincing evidence that the '432 patent is not valid.

f. Whether the ASIC Defendants can prove their affirmative defenses of estoppel and laches that would preclude Ricoh from enforcing its '432 patent against them, or limit Ricoh's right to damages.

**b. Description of Synopsys and the ASIC Defendants**

Defendants agree that the issues identified in b – f are presented in this case. Additional factual issues are in dispute:

g. Whether the '432 patent is invalid.

h. Whether Ricoh is barred, under a theory of laches or estoppel, from enforcing its '432 patent against some or all of the allegedly infringing activities.

i. Whether the actions that Ricoh identifies as the basis of its infringement allegations are anything other than ordinary steps involved in use of the Synopsys Logic Synthesis Product, and whether that ordinary use of the Synopsys Logic synthesis Product infringes the '432 patent.

j. Whether this action should be stayed pending resolution of the *Synopsys, Inc. v. Ricoh Company, Ltd.* Declaratory Judgment action.

Additionally, the following legal issue is presented in this case:

k. Whether the design activities claimed in the asserted method claims of Ricoh's '432 patent can serve as the basis of an allegation of infringement under 35 U.S.C. § 271(g).



**3. The other factual issues which remain unresolved:**

**a. Ricoh's Description**

Ricoh believes that the principal issues are set forth above in Ricoh's description.

**b. Description of Synopsys and the ASIC Defendants**

Synopsys and the Customer Defendants believe that there are none.

**4. Parties which have not been served:**

None.

On April 6, 2004, this Court granted Ricoh's motion to amend its Complaint to, *inter alia*, add as a party Aeroflex Colorado, and counsel for Aeroflex agreed to accept service for all Defendants on April 12, 2004. The Amended Complaint was filed and served on April 12, 2004.

**5. The additional parties which the parties intend to join and the intended time frame for such joinder:**

None.

**6. The following parties consent to assignment of this case to the United States Magistrate Judge for trial:**

Neither party consents to assignment to a Magistrate Judge for trial.

**ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

**7. The parties have not filed a Stipulation and Proposed Order Selecting an ADR process and the ADR process to which the parties jointly (or separately) request referral:**

**a. Ricoh's Position**

During the pendency of this litigation, Ricoh and Synopsys have occasionally discussed settlement of Ricoh's infringement claims against the ASIC Defendants, but the ASIC Defendants have not engaged in any negotiations with Ricoh. As noted above, in July 2004, all of the parties were able to enter into a stipulation to narrow the scope of Synopsys' declaratory judgment claims to be congruent with Ricoh's theory that the ASIC Defendants are infringing claims 13-17 of the '432 patent. Ricoh has invited the ASIC Defendants to negotiate with respect to a license, but the ASIC Defendants have refused. Ricoh is willing to enter into ADR with the ASIC Defendants. Ricoh is also willing to have

Synopsys participate in such an ADR. Ricoh believes that conducting an ADR at this time may be fruitful since the Court recently has issued its claim construction ruling. Ricoh would prefer either having a settlement conference with the Court (Judge Jenkins), or if the Court is unavailable, then a mediation by a knowledgeable patent attorney, who also may be qualified to serve as an early neutral evaluator.

#### **b. Description of Synopsys and the ASIC Defendants**

The Customer Defendants do not believe that there is any purpose to settlement negotiations between them and Ricoh. Settlement of this case is most likely if there is a global settlement negotiated between Ricoh and Synopsys. Synopsys disputes the fact as stated by Ricoh that “the parties have occasionally discussed settlement, but have not engaged in negotiations.” To the contrary, at Synopsys’ urging there have been a total of four settlement meetings between Synopsys and Ricoh, three in Tokyo and one in San Francisco. The second meeting resulted in the significant narrowing of the case and amended pleadings that took place in July 2004. At the third and fourth meetings, Synopsys made specific cash and non-cash offers of settlement, but the parties were unable to agree. Following the receipt of the Court’s claim construction ruling, by letter dated April 24, 2005, Synopsys made another offer of settlement, which was rejected by Ricoh in a letter dated May 2, 2005. Ricoh’s response made it obvious that the parties are still at an impasse.

Until Ricoh provides its Final Infringement Contentions and details at a minimum how it is reading the non-input claim elements of its asserted claims on the Synopsys Logic Synthesis Product source code, the Customer Defendants and Synopsys do not believe that an ADR procedure will be productive. Once such contentions have been provided, Synopsys and the Customer Defendants request referral to the Court’s ENE ADR process, preferably with a knowledgeable patent attorney.

### **DISCLOSURES**

#### **8. The parties certify that they have made the following disclosures:**

##### **a. Ricoh’s Position**

In May 2003, Ricoh served its initial disclosures in the Delaware action and produced documents identified therein.

1 The ASIC Defendants also served an initial disclosure in May 2003, later admitted that the  
 2 disclosure was “inartfully drafted,” and after Ricoh filed a motion to compel, the ASIC Defendants  
 3 belatedly amended their disclosure in January 2004. The ASIC Defendants have refused to adequately  
 4 identify many of the individuals in the disclosure, and Ricoh has been unable to locate or contact  
 5 approximately ten of the individuals listed.

6 With respect to document production, Ricoh believes that the ASIC Defendants have still not  
 7 produced all of the documents identified by the categories of their initial disclosures.

#### 8 **b. Position of Synopsys and the ASIC Defendants**

9 The Defendants served an initial disclosure statement on May 30, 2003, and an amended version  
 10 of their initial disclosure statement on January 20, 2004. Defendants have produced documents  
 11 described in their amended initial disclosure statement, including prior art that they believe demonstrates  
 12 the invalidity of the patent and manuals describing Synopsys’ Design Compiler product that demonstrate  
 13 that Design Compiler does not practice Ricoh’s patents.

### 14 **DISCOVERY**

#### 15 **9. The parties have presented the following discovery plans:**

16 On March 24, 2004, Magistrate Judge Chen ordered that parties to submit a discovery plan  
 17 by no later than April 23, 2004. A copy of Ricoh’s discovery plan is attached as Exhibit 1, and a copy  
 18 of the Defendants’ discovery plan is attached as Exhibit 2. These discovery plans summarize the  
 19 discovery disputes immediately before the stay of discovery on May 4, 2004.

#### 20 **a. Ricoh's Position.<sup>25</sup>**

21 In 2003, Synopsys threatened Ricoh that, if Ricoh continued to press its patent claims against  
 22 the ASIC Defendants, Synopsys would order its counsel (who also represent the ASIC Defendants) to  
 23 fight on every issue and make the litigation as expensive as possible. Synopsys specifically stated that it  
 24 would not produce evidence until ordered to do so by the Court. Before discovery was stayed in May  
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 28 <sup>25</sup> Ricoh’s comments do not address the responsiveness of Aeroflex Colorado Springs as it was added shortly before the discovery stay went into effect.

2004, Synopsys followed through on that threat. The Court's irritation at such tactics was noted during the hearing on April 6, 2004.

Attempting to manage the refusal by Synopsys and the ASIC Defendants to participate in discovery, in April 2004, Magistrate Judge Chen required that the parties submit a discovery plan. Each of the parties submitted their discovery plans on April 23, 2004, and they are attached as Exhibits 1 and 2. During the June 2, 2005 conference between counsel, Ricoh attempted to discuss and resolve these discovery issues, but counsel for the ASIC Defendants and Synopsys declined to discuss any of these discovery issues. Thus, the ASIC Defendants and Synopsys are still refusing to comply with their obligations and provide discovery (document, source code, etc.) and to make matters worse, propose an abnormally early October 2005 fact discovery cut-off date. Ricoh believes that a prompt resolution of these discovery issues is essential to meeting the aggressive discovery schedule proposed by the parties.

**Areas of agreement.** As set forth in the discovery plan submitted by Synopsys and the ASIC Defendants on April 23, 2004 (and attached as Exhibit 2), the parties had substantial areas of agreement regarding the production of documents and a process for scheduling depositions. The Court should use those areas of agreement as a starting point. Ricoh requests that Synopsys and the ASIC Defendants immediately complete their production of documents by June 30, 2005, and proceed with depositions on Ricoh's long-standing Rule 30(b)(6) notices in August through November.

Ricoh's proposed schedule is based upon the assumption that discovery will be cooperative. The Court should strongly advise counsel that it will not tolerate the prolonged delays, gamesmanship and incessant motions practice that marked the first stage of discovery.

**Areas of disagreement.** Although Synopsys and the ASIC Defendants concede that discovery should be reopened, at least on a limited basis (*see, e.g.*, footnote 12), it opposes a general reopening of discovery on the merits. Ricoh believes that the Court should reject out of hand the efforts of Synopsys and the ASIC Defendants to impose a series of additional stays on discovery, and should instead put this case on a path for trial on all issues.

With respect to the difference in the parties' April 2004 discovery plans, the following is a summary of Ricoh's understanding of the discovery disputes as they were frozen in time in May 2004:

(i) **Production of Documents**

(a) **General Production of Documents**

The parties had agreed in principle that all non-privileged documents (other than e-mails) required to be produced pursuant to Rule 26(a) or responsive to document requests should be produced by no later than April 30, 2004.

There are no disputed issues with respect to the scope of Ricoh's document production.

The ASIC Defendants and Synopsys failed to produce all of their documents by April 30, 2004. The documents that they have refused to produce generally fall into the following categories, each of which have been the subject of numerous letters and meet and confer sessions:

(1) Documents in the possession of ASIC Defendants Matrox Graphics and Matrox Electronics relating to the design and manufacture of ASICs. These had defendants contended that they should not be obligated to produce such documents unless and until the Court denied their Rule 12(c) motion for judgment on the pleadings, which the Court denied by Order on April 22, 2004. Nevertheless, at a meet and confer on April 23, 2004, counsel for the ASIC Defendants refused to commit to withdraw this objection and produce the relevant and responsive documents that they are withholding. No further justification for the withholding of these documents has ever been identified.

(2) Synopsys and the ASIC Defendants have limited the scope of their document production to what they call "Design Compiler products." Ricoh's preliminary infringement contentions specifically name additional Synopsys software products that Ricoh contends the ASIC Defendants employ while those defendants practice the process described in the '432 patent. Ricoh contends that Synopsys and the ASIC Defendants should provide discovery with respect to all of the products listed in Ricoh's preliminary infringement contentions, but Synopsys and the ASIC Defendants have refused.<sup>26</sup>

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<sup>26</sup> Synopsys has made similar objections and limitations in its interrogatory responses. Ricoh believes that the resolution of this issue as it relates to the document production should be equally applicable to the interrogatory responses. The afternoon this CMC was to be filed, Synopsys advised Ricoh that Synopsys may be willing to provide Ricoh access to the "keys" to some but not all of the additional products at issue. Although Synopsys has not identified which versions or the other limitations to this offer, the fact that the offer was made after more than a year and a half after Ricoh first requested this code, shows some progress. It also illustrates why additional discovery is needed, because Synopsys and the ASIC Defendants have yet to produce the underlying manuals, user documents, design

The differences are set forth in the following table:

Ricoh Contention re Products at Issue	Synopsys Contention re Products at Issue
Design Compiler <sup>27</sup>	Design Compiler
HDL Compiler for Verilog	HDL Compiler for Verilog
VHDL Compiler	VHDL Compiler
Design Ware Foundation libraries	Design Ware Foundation libraries
Presto	
Physical Compiler	
Module Compiler	
Design Compiler Basic Library <sup>28</sup>	
DesignWare Expert Libraries	
DesignWare Building Block IP	
target technology libraries	
Design libraries	
link libraries	
symbol libraries	
synthetic libraries	

(3) The ASIC Defendants have refused to provide documents with respect to any RTL inputs (see earlier question), logic synthesis methods or products other than the Synopsys Design Compiler products. Ricoh contends that it has placed at issue the ASIC Defendants' infringement of the '432 patent without limiting the infringement claim to the use of Design Compiler.

(4) The ASIC Defendants have not identified the ASICs they have actually designed and manufactured using either Synopsys products or otherwise. At one point in early 2004, they said that there were 63 separate ASICs that allegedly were designed and manufactured with Synopsys' Design Compiler products; however, only a few of those ASICs have been actually identified to Ricoh. Ricoh suspects that the number has increased in the past year.

(5) The ASIC Defendants' objections to the discovery requests are unreasonable. For example, they object to the definitions of the terms "ASIC Design," "ASIC Product", and "ASIC Method" as vague, overly broad, unduly burdensome and not reasonably calculated to lead to the

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documents and the details of the actual use by the ASIC Defendants .

<sup>27</sup> This term includes all variations of Design Compiler, including DC Ultra, DC Ultra Opt, DC Expert, DC Expert Plus, and DC Pro.

<sup>28</sup> This component is also known as the "Standard Library."

1 discovery of admissible information, and incorporate the objection by reference into every response they  
2 make. However, counsel for all parties had agreed that the terms “ASIC Design,” “ASIC Product”, and  
3 “ASIC Method” were limited to methods and products made by a process involving computer assisted  
4 design with logic synthesis. The ASIC Defendants have said that their production of documents are  
5 “subject to” these objections, without disclosing whether they are actually withholding documents based  
6 upon these and other objections.

7 (6) The parties cannot agree on when discovery with respect to sales and damages should  
8 commence. Ricoh requests that the ASIC Defendants produce the requested sales and financial  
9 documents by July 15, 2005.

10 (7) Aeroflex has produced a number of CD’s that Ricoh cannot read or access.

11 **(b) Production of Synopsys’ source code**

12 Synopsys has produced some of its source code for occasional periods at a secure Synopsys  
13 facility. However, Synopsys has refused to produce the source code for all of the products listed in  
14 Ricoh’s preliminary infringement contentions and alleged by Ricoh as being employed by the ASIC  
15 Defendants in carrying out the infringing process. As noted in footnote 26, the afternoon this CMC was  
16 to be filed, Synopsys proposed to provide Ricoh with the “keys” to have access to additional source  
17 code. Until Ricoh’s experts are able to determine the versions of that code and actually evaluate it,  
18 Ricoh cannot determine the scope of this offer. However, there are still additional version of code that  
19 Synopsys and the ASIC Defendants have never produced. In addition, Ricoh requested, and on June 3,  
20 2005, Synopsys agreed, that the number of experts permitted to review Synopsys’ source code be  
21 increased from three to five.

22 **(c) Production of documents pursuant to Rule 33(d)**

23 As of May 2004, the parties were at an impasse with respect to the ASIC Defendants’  
24 production of documents pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 33(d). On May 30, 2003, Ricoh served 10  
25 interrogatories upon the ASIC Defendants. In response, the ASIC Defendants objected but often  
26 generally promised to produce documents pursuant to Rule 33(d). However, none of the ASIC  
27 Defendants specifically identified those documents by either title or bates number, and Ricoh believes  
28 that in most instances no responsive documents have been produced.



**(d) Production of emails**

The parties had agreed that production of e-mails should be completed by no later than May 31, 2004, but no emails were ever produced. Ricoh believes that these documents should be produced by no later than July 15, 2005. There may be unresolved issues with respect to other forms of electronic discovery.

**(e) Production of privilege logs**

In 2004, the parties were at an impasse with respect to the date for production of privilege logs. Ricoh proposes that privilege logs be exchanged by July 15, 2005.

In April 2004, the parties were also at an impasse with respect to Ricoh's proposal that communications between Ricoh and its trial counsel not be logged. Ricoh believes that there is no purpose in providing a log of those communications, which relate both to Ricoh's pre-filing investigation as well as its preparation and filing of the complaint. In 2004, Synopsys and the ASIC Defendants insisted that all pre-filing communications between Ricoh and its trial counsel be logged. Ricoh believes that there remains an outstanding issue with respect to communications between Synopsys and the ASIC defendants, which have not been produced or logged.

**(f) Resolution of document discovery issues**

The parties were unable to agree on a schedule or a process for resolving their document discovery disputes. Ricoh proposes that, consistent with Magistrate Judge Chen's directives, the parties work together, with the Court's assistance as appropriate, to resolve all objections with respect to documents that the parties are seeking pursuant to the currently outstanding discovery requests, by no later than June 30, 2005, and produce by July 15, 2005 all documents that have been the subject of objections but that have not specifically been ordered by the Court not to be produced.

**(ii) Responses to Requests for Admission**

Ricoh has responded to all outstanding requests for admissions, and Ricoh is not aware of any outstanding issues with respect to its responses.

In 2004, the parties were at an impasse, however, with respect to the ASIC Defendants' responses. For example:

(1) The ASIC Defendants have objected to and limited their responses to many of the

requests. Some of the requests include objections over issues that that have been resolved. For example, requests 9-19 related to whether the ASIC Defendants performs certain actions relating to chip design. The ASIC Defendants have objected to the term “ASIC method as being incomprehensible...so broad as to be meaningless” in the objections to these requests. This objection is made even though the parties had previously come to an understanding regarding certain terms, including the term “ASIC method.”

(2) The ASIC Defendants have objected to Requests 9-19 as calling for a claim interpretation and a question of law, when in fact it calls for a question of fact. For example, Request No. 17 seeks an admission of whether the “Defendant performs an ASIC Method that includes generating from a netlist mask data required to produce an integrated circuit having a desired function.” No substantive responses have been provided.

(3) Some of the Matrox defendants should amend their responses to Request No. 20, which asks whether “The Court has personal jurisdiction over defendant.” Matrox Tech has denied that the court (at the time of the response, a Delaware District Court presided over this case) had personal jurisdiction. However by their own admission, Matrox Tech is a company organized under the laws of Delaware. All defendants acceded the personal jurisdiction of this Court as part of the desire to have this case transferred from Delaware to California. Therefore, if true, the Matrox defendants should supplement their response to Request 20 and remove this lingering issue.

### **(iii) Rule 30(b)(6) depositions**

#### **(a) Rule 30(b)(6) discovery of Ricoh**

There are no outstanding issues with respect to Ricoh’s Rule 30(b)(6) witnesses. Ricoh has responded to every Rule 30(b)(6) deposition notice from either Synopsys or the ASIC Defendants. On July 15, 2003, Ricoh produced a corporate witness in response to the ASIC Defendants’ Rule 30(b)(6) notice. During the week of May 30, 2004, Ricoh produced additional corporate designees for depositions in Japan.

#### **(b) Ricoh’s Rule 30(b)(6) notices to the ASIC Defendants**

The parties were at an impasse with respect to scheduling and taking the corporate depositions of the ASIC Defendants pursuant to Ricoh’s September 25, 2003 Rule 30(b)(6) notices. The

1 ASIC Defendants have stated that they may produce twenty (20) or more different corporate designees  
2 in response to Ricoh's long-pending Rule 30(b)(6) notices. Ricoh requests that all Rule 30(b)(6)  
3 depositions of the ASIC Defendants be completed within three months of the completion of their  
4 document production, so follow-up individual depositions may be completed in time for the expert  
5 reports.

6 During the hearing on March 24, 2004, Magistrate Judge Chen instructed the parties to  
7 identify actual deposition dates "at least by category if not by witness." The burden is on the ASIC  
8 Defendants to identify those dates. They refused to do so.

9 In particular, on September 25, 2003, Ricoh served identical Rule 30(b)(6) notices upon each  
10 of the ASIC Defendants as parties in the *Ricoh v. Aeroflex* litigation. None of the ASIC Defendants ever  
11 have proffered *any* dates for *any* of the 30(b)(6) topics.

12 Ricoh proposes that the ASIC Defendants identify by June 30, 2005 the names of all  
13 corporate witnesses, and that the parties cooperate in scheduling the depositions of those witnesses  
14 starting in August, after the document production has been accomplished, with completion of the  
15 depositions in October. Requiring the ASIC Defendants to identify witnesses, topics and deposition  
16 dates is consistent with this Court's instructions during the March 24, 2004 hearing and this Court's  
17 Standing Order, and is the most effective way to schedule and complete these corporate depositions.

18 **(c) Ricoh's Rule 30(b)(6) notices to Synopsys**

19 Ricoh has pending a Rule 30(b)(6) deposition notice to Synopsys that has yet to be  
20 scheduled. The parties agree that document discovery should be resolved prior to going forward with  
21 depositions.

22 **(iv) Fact Depositions**

23 In addition to taking Rule 30(b)(6) depositions, Synopsys and the ASIC Defendants have  
24 already taken several other depositions, including Dr. James Davis, Mr. Brian Bershader, Dr. Tom  
25 Rhyne, Mr. Yamada, and Dr. Kobayashi. Some of these witnesses also were corporate designees of  
26 Ricoh.  
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1 Ricoh proposes that the parties cooperate in scheduling other fact depositions starting in  
2 August (after document production is completed) to the end of fact discovery at locations that are  
3 convenient for the witnesses and mutually agreeable to the parties.

4 (v) **Total Deposition Time**

5 With respect to the number of hours for deposition, counsel for all of the parties had agreed  
6 before the ASIC Defendants case was transferred from Delaware, that each side would have 240 hours  
7 of deposition testimony from fact witnesses. Ricoh has to take depositions of seven ASIC Defendants  
8 plus Synopsys, while they have only one opposing party to depose. Ricoh believes that such a  
9 modification of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure is useful here, and there is no reason to deviate  
10 from this prior agreement of counsel. There is no question that additional deposition time is needed;  
11 since this agreement was established, the ASIC Defendants have identified over thirty (30) people who  
12 have relevant factual information in their initial disclosure; another party has been added (Aeroflex  
13 Colorado Springs, Inc.); and the ASIC Defendants have indicated that they may produce as many as  
14 twenty (20) corporate witnesses in response to Ricoh's Rule 30(b)(6) deposition notice to each  
15 defendant. Despite the additional party and many witnesses, Ricoh is willing to abide by the prior  
16 agreement of counsel.

17 With respect to Synopsys' proposal that depositions needing translations "should be treated as 30  
18 minutes against this time limit," Ricoh notes that, in Delaware, the 240 hours of total deposition time  
19 was arrived at as a compromise. Then, as now, counsel for Synopsys was proposing 160 hours of total  
20 deposition time per side, but also that each hour of depositions of non-English speaking witnesses be  
21 counted as only 30 minutes against the total. Ricoh pointed out that this proposal would effectively give  
22 the other side almost double the amount of deposition time as Ricoh, as most of Ricoh's witnesses are  
23 native Japanese speakers. Rather than adopting the 30 minute proposal, the 240 hour figure was  
24 accepted as a compromise. Ricoh does not agree that the depositions of non-English speaking witnesses  
25 should effectively last two days each as a matter of right, but, as the parties have agreed with respect to  
26 any witness, Ricoh willing to consider requests for more than a full deposition day of non-English  
27 speaking witnesses on a case-by-case basis.  
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**b. Position of Synopsys and the ASIC Defendants**

Ricoh's description of the case and its discovery statement above include multiple unjustified and inaccurate assertions that Synopsys and the Customer Defendants have refused to participate in discovery which Synopsys and the Customer Defendants dispute but will not address here. The fact is that Synopsys and the Customer defendants see Ricoh as wanting to engage in a wide-ranging fishing expedition at their expense all without ever defining in any meaningful sense what this case is about. Synopsys and the Customer Defendants are looking to the Court to assist the parties in framing the case and thereby defining the relevant discovery before discovery is reopened so that the discovery process can move forward in a reasonable and expeditious manner. As stated above, given the Court's claim construction ruling and depending upon the Court's view of some of the issues presented herein, Synopsys and the Customer Defendants do not believe that discovery regarding manufacturing processes, any design processes not taking place in the United States, any discovery related to design using logic synthesis software other than that of Synopsys, and discovery related to the ASICs products themselves (except perhaps as it relates to damages, which relevance is also disputed by Synopsys and the Customer Defendants) is relevant. Once the parties have provided their final contentions and the Court has provided guidance with respect to the issues raised herein, the parties should exchange revised discovery plans.

In addition, the Defendants believe that a modification of the deposition time is appropriate in this matter, and believe that a total of 160 hours of deposition time is ample modification from the limits on deposition testimony set in the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to obtain the discovery necessary in this litigation. Also, because many of Ricoh's witnesses will likely require a translator, each hour of deposition testimony requiring translation should be treated as 30 minutes against this time limit. Furthermore, since the parties have stipulated that testimony taken in this action will be admissible in *Synopsys, Inc. v. Ricoh Company, Ltd.*, Case No. CV 03-02289 MJJ (EMC), and vice versa, the total time for deposition testimony in the two actions combined should not exceed this limit. The Defendants are not advocating that the Court give Synopsys 160 hours and grant them an additional 160 hours.

## PROPOSED SCHEDULE

### 10. A proposed schedule is provided below

#### a. Ricoh's Position

Ricoh asserted an infringement claim with respect to the '432 patent, and agrees that it should be treated as the party claiming infringement of that patent. In July 2004, the parties harmonized the matters in dispute in the two cases, so the declaratory judgment counterclaims in *Ricoh v. Synopsys* are identical in scope with the declaratory judgment claims in *Synopsys v. Ricoh*. The two actions should be consolidated and Ricoh should be treated as the plaintiff.

Because all discovery has been stayed by the Court and will remain stayed until this Court lifts the stay, Ricoh submits that the calculation of dates under the Patent Local Rules based on the date of the Claim Construction Ruling ("CCR") is not appropriate. The Patent Local Rules contemplate that all fact discovery will proceed during the claim construction process but in this case, the Court directed that discovery should be "focused" on claim construction issues in December 2003, and in May 2004, the Court imposed an absolute discovery stay on all issues of liability and damages. Absent such a stay, Ricoh would have had the benefit of at least 13 months of discovery to this point.

Ricoh's proposed schedule allots six months for merits discovery prior to the exchange of final infringement contentions and expert reports. This is an aggressive schedule that depends upon Synopsys and the ASIC Defendants cooperatively engaging in discovery, and avoiding the type of conduct condemned by the Court on April 6, 2004. The proposed schedule obligates the ASIC Defendants and Synopsys to promptly produce all documents that should have been produced pursuant to the May 2003 initial disclosures (suitably updated), as well as all documents responsive to Ricoh's discovery requests, and then establishes subsequent dates based upon that date. The dates proposed below are based on the latter proposal and assume the stay will be lifted the day after the June 14, 2005 status hearing and that the ASIC Defendants and Synopsys produce all initial disclosure documents, documents responsive to Ricoh's discovery requests, and the source code for the identified products by the end of June, 2005.

1           Synopsis and the ASIC Defendants proposed schedule reinforces their inappropriate  
2 insistence that Synopsis's later filed declaratory judgment action should somehow take priority over  
3 Ricoh's first filed patent infringement action. This prejudice inculcates every aspect of their proposal,  
4 and illuminates their desire to litigate incrementally each of the substantive patent infringement issues.  
5 Synopsis' schedule also reinforces its attempt to exclusively and impermissively focus the litigation to  
6 matters that Synopsis want to litigate, which are only a biased subset of issues in Ricoh's infringement  
7 lawsuit.

8           Disregarding Ricoh's interest in resolving both the patent infringement and declaratory  
9 lawsuits, Synopsis has provided a schedule for resolution of its declaratory judgment lawsuit, but has  
10 not provided a similar schedule for the ASIC defendants in the patent infringement lawsuit. Instead,  
11 Synopsis desires to waste the Court's resources by first attempting to resolve a limited number of the  
12 pending issues of the patent infringement suit. Then when the first "segment" of the lawsuit is  
13 completed, Synopsis and the ASIC defendants urge that the Court and parties repeat the case scheduling  
14 process by submitting new discovery plans and holding an additional case management conference. Not  
15 only does this perpetually delay Ricoh's infringement claims, but this attempt to piecemeal the issues is  
16 intended to prevent Ricoh from ever obtaining an injunction against the actual infringers. The ASIC  
17 defendants do not even provide a proposed case management schedule, but instead suggest that any  
18 schedule is dependant upon the resolution of the later filed declaratory judgment lawsuit and want  
19 guidance from the court and how to proceed. The suggestion that Synopsis has the supreme privilege of  
20 the earliest possible adjudication is inconsistent with the first rule of the Federal Rules of Civil  
21 Procedure to "secure a just, speedy and inexpensive determination of every action."

22           Synopsis has indicated is agreeable to a shortened discover period (until October 2005), but  
23 has not agreed to provide *any* of the requested discovery by that date. Throughout this litigation,  
24 Synopsis has unilaterally defined what information it will provide (which is narrower than the issues in  
25 Ricoh's lawsuit). Of the information that Synopsis has agreed to produce, it has done so at its own pace  
26 and response information is still outstanding. Now, Synopsis seeks an accelerated case management  
27 schedule which will mostly likely result in Ricoh not receiving all of the information it is rightfully  
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entitled to receive during the discovery time period with a reasonable time to analyze the information and have the opportunity to follow up on an issue that arise from the information.

**b. Position of Synopsys and the ASIC Defendants**

If the customer suit is not limited to Verilog and VHDL inputs, Synopsys and the Customer Defendants seek a stay of the action against the Customer Defendants to allow the underlying dispute to be resolved in the *Synopsys, Inc. v. Ricoh Company, Ltd.* declaratory judgment action. As stated above, once Synopsys establishes that the ordinary use of the Synopsys Logic Synthesis Product does not infringe the '432 patent, the case against the Customer Defendants should be resolved as well. Since Ricoh must show that each element of its asserted claims are infringed, it is indisputable that if the non-input claim elements are not found in the Synopsys Logic Synthesis Product, then the customer defendants do not infringe regardless of the nature of their input.

Synopsys has set forth a time frame for the trial of the Declaratory Judgment case alone or the consolidated liability trial based upon VHDL and Verilog inputs. If the customer case is not so limited and the request for a stay is denied, Defendants believe that trial of the suit against the Customer Defendants should be bifurcated, into separate trials on liability and damages (which would include the question of whether infringement was willful or not) for the reasons stated above. Synopsys also opposes consolidation of the cases. Synopsys and the Customer Defendants do not believe they can submit a schedule for the Customer Defendants' case at this time since any such schedule is dependent upon the resolution of the many issues presented herein. If Ricoh is permitted the unreasonable, wide-ranging discovery it seeks, Ricoh's proposed discovery cut-off is unworkable as there will be at least three months of document discovery before depositions start and will 240 hours of depositions for each side, seventy days of deposition thereafter. Once the parties submit their final contentions and new discovery plans, the Court should hold another status conference and the parties could provide their scheduling proposals then based on the guidance provided by the Court on June 14.

**c. The Parties' Proposed Schedules**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Ricoh's Proposed Dates</b>	<b>Synopsys' Proposed Dates</b>
Claim Construction Ruling ("CCR")	April 7, 2005	April 7, 2005
Reopening of discovery	June 15, 2005	--
ASIC Defendants and Synopsys produce all initial disclosure documents, documents responsive to Ricoh's discovery requests and source code for the identified products	June 30, 2005	--
Deadline to disclose reliance upon opinion of counsel and produce related documents	June 30, 2005	--
Final Infringement Contentions	December 15, 2005	--
Final Invalidity Contentions	January 13, 2006	--
Fact discovery cut-off	January 20, 2006	October 7, 2005
Submission of expert reports by party with the burden of proof	January 20, 2006	--
Submission of responsive expert reports	February 17, 2006	November 4, 2005
Rebuttal Expert Reports	March 10, 2006	December 2, 2005
Expert discovery cut-off	March 24, 2006	December 21, 2005
Dispositive motion cut-off	March 31, 2006	January 17, 2006
Dispositive Motions Oppositions Due	April 17, 2006	January 31, 2006
Dispositive Motions Replies Due	April 24, 2006	February 7, 2006
Dispositive motion hearing date	To be set by the Court on or after May 8, 2006	February 21, 2006
File motions in limine	April 14, 2006	March 7, 2006
File oppositions to motions in limine	May 5, 2006	March 21, 2006
File Joint Proposed Final Pre-trial Order	May 26, 2006	April 7, 2006
Pre-trial Conference	To be scheduled by Court	April 17, 2006
Trial Date	June 2006	May 1, 2006

**CLAIM CONSTRUCTION HEARING**

The Court issued its ruling on April 7, 2005.

**TRIAL****11. The parties request a trial date as follows****a. Ricoh's Position**

Ricoh has proposed that trial begin June 2006.

**b. Position of Synopsys and the ASIC Defendants**

Synopsys proposes that trial of its declaratory judgment action begin on May 1, 2006.

**12. The parties expect that the trial will last for the following number of days**

**a. Ricoh's Position**

Ten trial days.

**b. Position of Synopsys and the ASIC Defendants**

Synopsys believes that its declaratory judgment action can be tried in eight trial days.

Synopsys and the Customer Defendants believe that, if the Customer Defendant action is not stayed, and the action is consolidated with the Synopsys case, the questions of liability, including infringement and validity, should be tried first. This trial could be completed in approximately twelve days. If liability is established, a separate trial can be scheduled to determine damages. Defendants believe that such a trial would require approximately two weeks.

Dated: June 8, 2005

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**CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER**

The Case Management Statement and Proposed Order is hereby adopted by the Court as the Case Management Order for the case and the parties are ordered to comply with this order. In addition the Court orders:

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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Defendant.

**CASE NO. C-03-2289-MJJ (EMC)**  
**CASE NO. C-03-4669-MJJ (EMC)**

**DISCOVERY MATTER**

**RICOH'S DISCOVERY PLAN SUBMITTED  
 PURSUANT TO COURT ORDER OF  
 MARCH 25, 2004**

**Date: None**  
**Time: None**  
**Courtroom:**  
**Judge: Magistrate Judge Chen**

Pursuant to Magistrate Judge Chen's Order of March 25, 2004, plaintiff and counter-defendant Ricoh Company Ltd. ("Rico") hereby submits its discovery plan. Although the parties have been able to resolve many of their differences, at 12:54 pm today, counsel for defendants Aeroflex et al. (the "ASIC defendants") and declaratory judgment plaintiff Synopsys ("Synopsys") advised counsel for Ricoh that they would not agree to a joint submission, and refused to send the final version of their proposed plan to Ricoh for review and comment.

During the March 24 hearing, the Court instructed the parties to

work out a schedule. I know that there are some preliminary issues – sounds like with respect to scope and designees – but I would like you all to work out, at least a schedule, for resolution or not. If you cannot get it resolved by meet-and-confer, you can submit it to me.

3/24/2004 Tr. at 84.

In response to counsel's question of whether the plan should include "a framework for when documents are going to be produced, and blocks of weeks, in which witnesses are going to be made available for deposition, on certain topics," the Court said, "Yes, that is what I was thinking of." (*Id.* at 85.) The Court continued:

In 30 days, I would expect an agreed upon plan, of both resolution of any issues that are currently outstanding with respect to these depositions, and the actual sort of discovery plan – at least by category if not by witnesses, et cetera – some benchmark in terms of time, so we can see how we are doing. *At that point, if you cannot resolve it, again in that letter, tell me what is at issue, briefly, and then maybe we can talk on the phone and see what we need to do to facilitate that.*

(*Id.* at 87, emphasis added.) Unfortunately, counsel for the ASIC defendants and Synopsys refused to meet and confer with respect to many of the discovery "issues that are currently outstanding" or to include in a joint discovery plan a list of the discovery issues where the parties are at an impasse.

Last year, Synopsys threatened Ricoh that, if Ricoh continued to press its patent claims against the ASIC defendants, Synopsys would order its counsel (who also represent the ASIC defendants) to fight on every issue and make the litigation as expensive as possible. Synopsys specifically stated that it would not produce evidence until ordered to do so by the Court. It appears that Synopsys is substantially following through on that threat.

In this submission, Ricoh attempts to set forth its understanding of the parties' agreements

1 and disagreements up to the point that the ASIC defendants and Synopsys broke off negotiations. Ricoh  
2 is prepared to participate in a telephone hearing with the Court at any time to address the issues where  
3 the parties are at an impasse.

4 **A. Production of Documents**

5 **1. Production of documents by April 30**

6 The parties agree in principle that all non-privileged documents (other than e-mails) required  
7 to be produced pursuant to Rule 26(a) or responsive to document requests should be produced by no  
8 later than April 30, 2004.

9 There are no disputed issues with respect to the scope of Ricoh's document production.

10 The parties are at an impasse, however, on the refusal of the ASIC defendants and Synopsys to  
11 produce several categories of documents requested by Ricoh.<sup>1</sup> These unresolved issues are the  
12 exceptions that swallow the rule of the foregoing "agreement" that all documents be produced by April  
13 30. These documents generally fall into the following categories, each of which have been the subject  
14 of numerous letters and meet and confer sessions:

15 (1) Documents in the possession of ASIC defendants Matrox Graphics and Matrox  
16 Electronics relating to the design and manufacture of ASICs. These defendants contend that they should  
17 not be obligated to produce such documents unless and until the Court denies their Rule 12(c) motion  
18 for judgment on the pleadings. Ricoh contends that such stalling makes no sense because the actions of  
19 those defendants are inextricably intertwined with the actions of their U.S. subsidiaries, and because the  
20 Court has already granted Ricoh leave to file its amended complaint, so even if the motion is granted,  
21 those defendants will not be dismissed and production of the documents will be necessary. Moreover,  
22 on April 22, 2004, Judge Jenkins denied the ASIC defendants' Rule 12(c) motion. At a meet and confer  
23 on April 23, however, counsel for the ASIC defendants refused to commit to withdraw this objection  
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26 <sup>1</sup> On March 2, 2004, counsel for the ASIC defendants committed to complete their document  
27 production by April 2, 2004, with a limited exception of certain documents from AMI. They did not  
28 meet this deadline. In addition, they have now changed their position as to what documents they were  
committed to produce. For instance, counsel for the ASIC defendants indicated in a letter dated March  
19, 2004, that documents responsive to requests 11, 13 and 37 would be produced but now refuse such  
production.



1 and produce the relevant and responsive documents that they are withholding.

2 (2) Synopsys and the ASIC defendants have limited the scope of their document production  
3 to what they call "Design Compiler products." Ricoh's preliminary infringement contentions  
4 specifically name additional Synopsys software products that Ricoh contends the ASIC defendants  
5 employ while those defendants practice the process described in the '432 patent. Ricoh contends that  
6 Synopsys and the ASIC defendants should provide discovery with respect to all of the products listed in  
7 Ricoh's preliminary infringement contentions, but Synopsys and the ASIC defendants have refused.<sup>2</sup>

8 (3) The ASIC defendants have refused to provide documents with respect to any logic  
9 synthesis methods or products other than the Synopsys Design Compiler products. Ricoh contends that  
10 it has placed at issue the ASIC defendants' infringement of the '432 patent, regardless of how they  
11 actually conduct their infringement.

12 (4) The ASIC defendants have not sufficiently identified the ASICs they have actually  
13 designed and manufactured using either Synopsys products or otherwise. Although they contend that  
14 they have identified 63 separate ASICs that allegedly were designed and manufactured with Synopsys'  
15 Design Compiler products, they have not provided such a list to Ricoh.

16 (5) The ASIC defendants' objections to the discovery requests are unreasonable. For  
17 example, they object to the definitions of the terms "ASIC Design," "ASIC Product", and "ASIC  
18 Method" as vague, overly broad, unduly burdensome and not reasonably calculated to lead to the  
19 discovery of admissible information, and incorporate the objection by reference into every response they  
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22 design with logic synthesis. The ASIC defendants have said that their production of documents are  
23 "subject to" these objections, without disclosing whether they are actually withholding documents based  
24 upon these and other objections.

25 (6) The parties cannot agree on when discovery with respect to sales and damages should  
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27 <sup>2</sup> Synopsys has made similar objections and limitations in its interrogatory responses. Ricoh believes  
28 that the resolution of this issue as it relates to the document production should be equally applicable to  
the interrogatory responses.

1 commence. Judge Jenkins instructed the parties to focus first on claim construction issues. Ricoh has  
2 proposed that the defendants produce the requested sales and financial documents within 10 days of the  
3 completion of the claim construction hearing (which likely will be in September or October 2004). The  
4 ASIC defendants refused this request and also refused to identify an alternative date, instead favoring an  
5 indefinite postponement.

6 (7) Aeroflex has produced a number of CD's that Ricoh cannot read or access.

## 7 **2. Production of Synopsys' source code**

8 The parties have agreed that some of Synopsys' source code will be produced on May 10,  
9 2004. However, Synopsys has refused to produce the source code for all of the products listed in  
10 Ricoh's preliminary infringement contentions and alleged by Ricoh as being employed by the ASIC  
11 defendants in carrying out the infringing process.

## 12 **3. Production of documents pursuant to Rule 33(d)**

13 The parties are at an impasse with respect to the ASIC defendants' production of documents  
14 pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 33(d). On May 30, 2003, Ricoh served 10 interrogatories upon the ASIC  
15 defendants. In response, the ASIC defendants objected but often generally promised to produce  
16 documents pursuant to Rule 33(d). However, none of the ASIC defendants specifically identified those  
17 documents by either title or bates number, and Ricoh believes that in most instances no responsive  
18 documents have been produced.

## 19 **4. Production of emails**

20 The parties agree that production of e-mails should be completed by no later than May 31,  
21 2004. Ricoh notes that Synopsys and the ASIC defendants have imposed the same limitations on emails  
22 as identified in Section A(1), categories 1-5, above.

## 23 **5. Production of privilege logs**

24 The parties are at an impasse with respect to the date for production of privilege logs. Ricoh  
25 proposes that privilege logs be exchanged by June 7, 2004, *e.g.*, within seven days of the completion of  
26 document production. Synopsys and the ASIC defendants propose that privilege logs be exchanged on  
27 May 7, 2004, before document production is completed.  
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1 The parties are also at an impasse with respect to Ricoh's proposal that communications  
2 between Ricoh and its trial counsel not be logged. Ricoh believes that there is no purpose in providing a  
3 log of those communications, which relate both to Ricoh's pre-filing investigation as well as its  
4 preparation and filing of the complaint. Synopsys and the ASIC defendants insist that all pre-filing  
5 communications between Ricoh and its trial counsel be logged.

#### 6 **6. Resolution of document discovery issues**

7 The parties cannot agree on a schedule or a process for resolving their document discovery  
8 disputes. Ricoh proposes that, consistent with Magistrate Judge Chen's directives, the parties work  
9 together, with the Court's assistance as appropriate, to resolve all objections with respect to documents  
10 that the parties are seeking pursuant to the currently outstanding discovery requests, by no later than  
11 May 15, 2004, and produce by June 7 all documents that have been the subject of objections but that  
12 have not specifically been ordered by the Court not to be produced. Synopsys and the ASIC defendants  
13 declined to accept this process, but have not proposed an alternative.

#### 14 **B. Responses to Requests for Admission**

15 Ricoh has responded to all outstanding requests for admissions, and Ricoh is not aware of  
16 any outstanding issues with respect to its responses. The parties are at an impasse, however, with  
17 respect to the ASIC defendants' responses. For example:

18 (1) The ASIC defendants have objected to and limited their responses to many of the  
19 requests. Some of the requests include objections over issues that that have been resolved. For  
20 example, requests 9-19 related to whether the defendants performs certain actions relating to chip  
21 design. The ASIC defendants have objected to the term "ASIC method as being incomprehensible...so  
22 broad as to be meaningless" in the objections to these requests. This objection is made even though the  
23 parties had previously come to an understanding regarding certain terms, including the term "ASIC  
24 method."

25 (2) The ASIC defendants have objected to Requests 9-19 as calling for a claim interpretation  
26 and a question of law, when in fact it calls for a question of fact. For example, Request No. 17 seeks an  
27 admission of whether the "Defendant performs an ASIC Method that includes generating from a netlist  
28 mask data required to produce an integrated circuit having a desired function." No substantive

1 responses have been provided.

2 (3) Some of the Matrox defendants should amend their responses to Request No. 20, which  
3 asks whether "The Court has personal jurisdiction over defendant." Matrox Tech has denied that the  
4 court (at the time of the response, a Delaware District Court presided over this case) had personal  
5 jurisdiction. However by their own admission, Matrox Tech is a company organized under the laws of  
6 Delaware. All defendants acceded the personal jurisdiction of this Court as part of the desire to have  
7 this case transferred from Delaware to California. Therefore, if true, the Matrox defendants should  
8 supplement their response to Request 20.

9 **C. Rule 30(b)(6) depositions**

10 **1. Rule 30(b)(6) discovery of Ricoh**

11 There are no outstanding issues with respect to Ricoh's Rule 30(b)(6) witnesses. Ricoh has  
12 responded to every Rule 30(b)(6) deposition notice from either Synopsys or the ASIC defendants. On  
13 July 15, 2003, Ricoh produced a corporate witness in response to the ASIC defendants' Rule 30(b)(6)  
14 notice. In response to another notice, additional corporate designees are to be deposed during the last  
15 week of May 2004 in Japan.

16 **2. Ricoh's Rule 30(b)(6) notices to the ASIC Defendants**

17 The parties are at an impasse with respect to scheduling and taking the corporate depositions  
18 of the ASIC defendants pursuant to Ricoh's September 25, 2003 Rule 30(b)(6) notices. The ASIC  
19 defendants have stated that they may produce twenty (20) or more different corporate designees in  
20 response to Ricoh's long-pending Rule 30(b)(6) notices. Ricoh has requested that those depositions be  
21 completed by September, so follow-up individual depositions may be completed in time for the expert  
22 reports, which all parties have agreed should be exchanged in November and December 2004.

23 **a. Option 1: Identify all witnesses by May 14, 2004**

24 During the hearing on March 24, this Court instructed the parties to identify actual deposition  
25 dates "at least by category if not by witness." The burden is on the ASIC defendants to identify those  
26 dates. Defendants have refused to do so.

27 In particular, on September 25, 2003, Ricoh served identical Rule 30(b)(6) notices upon each  
28 of the ASIC defendants as parties in the *Ricoh v. Aeroflex* litigation. As of April 23, 2004, *none* of the

1 ASIC defendants have proffered *any* dates for *any* of the 30(b)(6) topics.<sup>3</sup> Attached as Exhibit 1 is a list  
2 of the topics and the status on each topic.

3 Ricoh proposes that the ASIC defendants identify by May 14 the names of all corporate  
4 witnesses, and that the parties cooperate in scheduling the depositions of those witnesses starting in July,  
5 after the document production has been accomplished, with completion of the depositions in September.  
6 Requiring the ASIC defendants to identify witnesses, topics and deposition dates is consistent with this  
7 Court's instructions during the March 24 hearing and this Court's Standing Order, and is the most  
8 effective way to schedule and complete these corporate depositions.

9 **b. Option 2: Identify nine witnesses by May 14, and the rest on a rolling**  
10 **basis.**

11 Alternatively, the parties discussed a process by which the ASIC defendants would identify a  
12 large number of their corporate designees in May, and provide additional deposition dates n a rolling  
13 basis. On April 19 the ASIC defendants proposed in a draft discovery plan that "AMI and Aeroflex are  
14 to provide identification and proposed dates for a first set of approximately two to four witnesses a piece  
15 by May 14." The Matrox defendants would identify its witnesses by May 31. Counsel for the parties  
16 discussed this proposal in some detail at a meet and confer on April 21, but negotiations abruptly ceased  
17 when Ricoh proposed changing the "two to four witnesses" per party to the three witnesses per party.  
18 Ricoh pointed out that there was likely insufficient time to complete the depositions by September if  
19 only six corporate deposition days were identified at a time, as the second round of six would not be  
20 completed until August and the third not until October.

21 The ASIC defendants' proposal unreasonably limits the number of witnesses they will  
22 identify for corporate depositions at any given time. Their proposal indicates that the identification of  
23 an the first few witnesses will be made, and only after the first set of deposition are underway will any  
24 additional witnesses (or deposition days of the same designees by proposed, which may not occur until  
25 40 days later. This pace is not sufficient, as the ASIC defendants have predicted that there will be more

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27 <sup>3</sup> On February 3, 2004, ASIC defendants Matrox Tech and Matrox International produced a corporate  
28 designee for deposition on topics limited to those parties' since-withdrawn motion for summary  
judgment, but that deposition was *not* on any of the topics in Ricoh's September 25, 2003 Rule 30(b)(6)  
deposition notices.

1 than 20 individuals deposed, some for multiple days. It must be remembered that these witnesses are  
2 corporate designees, with provides the ASIC defendants with considerable latitude who to designate and  
3 on what topics. There is no undue burden in requiring the ASIC defendants to identify their corporate  
4 designees many months after the notices have been served.

5 If, however, the Court is prepared to entertain a variation of this proposal, following is  
6 Ricoh's proposal. Ricoh understands that, with the exception of the initial number of witnesses, the  
7 ASIC defendants and Synopsys do not object to the following process:

8 (1) For purposes of this scheduling, the ASIC defendants are divided into three groups:  
9 AMI; Aeroflex and its subsidiary, Aeroflex Colorado Springs, Inc. (collectively "Aeroflex"); and  
10 Matrox Graphics, Matrox Electronic Systems, Matrox International and Matrox Tech (collectively  
11 "Matrox").

12 (2) By no later than May 14, AMI, Aeroflex and Matrox will each identify deponents and  
13 topics for three deposition days each (e.g., a total of nine deposition dates). These initial deposition  
14 dates shall be no more than 45 days in the future (e.g., by June 30), and initially shall be focused upon  
15 threshold topics, such as corporate organization, identification and collection of documents, and  
16 identification of persons with knowledge. The next topics shall relate to the infringement claims and  
17 affirmative defenses. The final topics to be offered shall relate to the issues of marketing, sales and  
18 damages.

19 (3) Within ten (10) days of the completion of a deposition day, the party who was being  
20 deposed (e.g., AMI, Aeroflex or Matrox) shall identify another corporate designee, topic(s) and  
21 deposition date no more than 30 days in the future (e.g., no later than a total of 40 days after the  
22 completion of the prior deposition day).

23 (4) If the initial proposed deposition date is not acceptable, the parties shall work together in  
24 good faith for an alternative date within the same time frame. The parties shall work together to  
25 complete the ASIC defendant Rule 30(b)(6) depositions by September 2004.

26 (5) The parties will also work together to resolve or present before Magistrate Judge Chen  
27 any disputes regarding the scope of these particular depositions so that they can be quickly and  
28 efficiently resolved.

1           **D. Fact Depositions**

2           In addition to taking Rule 30(b)(6) depositions, Synopsys and the ASIC defendants have  
3 already taken three other depositions (Dr. James Davis, Brian Bershader, and Dr. Tom Rhyne); have  
4 another deposition set on April 23, 2004 (of Mr. Yamada); and have four others in Japan during the last  
5 week of May 2004 (Dr. Kobayashi, Dr. Nakayama, Mr. Takada and Mr. Oka), some of whom are  
6 corporate designees of Ricoh.

7           Ricoh proposes that the parties cooperate in scheduling other fact depositions starting in July  
8 (after document production is completed) to the end of fact discovery at locations that are convenient for  
9 the witnesses and mutually agreeable to the parties. Although Synopsys and the ASIC defendants have  
10 not requested any other depositions of Ricoh employees, to the extent that they are able to provide  
11 advance notice of at least 90 days, Ricoh will inquire whether it is possible to schedule the depositions  
12 in the United States and, if so, will reasonably cooperate in the scheduling of those deponents.

13           **E. Total Deposition Time**

14           With respect to the number of hours for deposition, in Delaware, counsel for all of the parties  
15 agreed that each side would have 240 hours of deposition testimony from fact witnesses. Ricoh believes  
16 that such a modification of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure is useful here, and there is no reason to  
17 deviate from this prior agreement of counsel. There is no question that additional deposition time  
18 needed. Since this agreement was established, the ASIC defendants have identified over thirty (30)  
19 people who have relevant factual information in their initial disclosure; another party has been added  
20 (Aeroflex Colorado Springs, Inc.); and the ASIC defendants have indicated that they may produce as  
21 many as twenty (20) corporate witnesses in response to Ricoh's Rule 30(b)(6) deposition notice to each  
22 defendant. Despite the additional party and many witnesses, Ricoh is willing to abide by the prior  
23 agreement of counsel.



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**EXHIBIT 1****30(b)(6) Deposition Notices to ASIC Defendants**

*Note: On September 25, 2003, Ricoh served substantially identical deposition notices upon each of the ASIC defendants. As of April 23, 2004, no witnesses have been offered for deposition, and only AMI and Aeroflex have responded to the notices. This Exhibit identifies each topic and summarizes the responses of each ASIC defendant. For the purposes of this review, Ricoh has not recited the objections by AMI or Aeroflex that impermissibly purport to limit the scope of the deposition notice.*

1. The organizational structure of [defendant], including, but not limited to those groups, divisions, teams and other organizations having any involvement in [defendant]'s ASIC Method at any time, and the identity of all individuals who can testify about such organization.

Status of Aeroflex:	Have agreed to produce a witness, but has not identified who the witness is or the date of the deposition.
Status of AMI:	Have agreed to produce a witness, but has not identified who the witness is or the date of the deposition.
Status of Matrox Graphics:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrox Electronics:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrix International:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrox Tech:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.

2. The identification of any business entity that designed, manufactured, sold, offered for sale, imported, or distributed by or on behalf of [defendant], any ASIC Product.

Status of Aeroflex:	Agreed to produce a witness for a limited part of this topic (Ricoh objects to this limitation) but has not identified who the witness is or the date of the deposition.
Status of AMI:	Agreed to produce a witness for a limited part of this topic (Ricoh objects to this limitation) but has not identified who the witness is or the date of the deposition.
Status of Matrox Graphics:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrox Electronics:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrix International:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrox Tech:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.

3. The identification of any business entity that uses the ASIC Method to design or otherwise make ASIC Products that are designed, manufactured, sold, offered for sale, imported, or distributed by or on behalf of [defendant], including, but not limited to, the date(s) such steps or other

activity occurred, and, where such step or activity is not performed by [defendant], the person or entity performing such step or activity.

Status of Aeroflex:	Agreed to produce a witness for a limited part of this topic (Ricoh objects to this limitation) but has not identified who the witness is or the date of the deposition.
Status of AMI:	Agreed to produce a witness for a limited part of this topic (Ricoh objects to this limitation) but has not identified who the witness is or the date of the deposition.
Status of Matrox Graphics:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrox Electronics:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrix International:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrox Tech:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.

4. The identification of each individual (including their full name, address, telephone number, job title and description, and employer) involved in any way (including but not limited to managerial responsibility) in research and development, design, manufacturing, testing, sales or marketing of, or in the decision to design, develop, or manufacture any ASIC Products designed, manufactured, sold, offered for sale, imported, or distributed by or on behalf of [defendant], and identification of the individual's activity concerning such involvement.

Status of Aeroflex:	Agreed to produce a witness for a limited part of this topic (Ricoh objects to this limitation) but has not identified who the witness is or the date of the deposition.
Status of AMI:	Agreed to produce a witness for a limited part of this topic (Ricoh objects to this limitation) but has not identified who the witness is or the date of the deposition.
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Status of Matrox Electronics:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrix International:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrox Tech:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.

5. The identification of each individual (including their full name, address, telephone number, job title and description, and employer) who participated in any way in performing an ASIC Method for any ASIC Product designed, manufactured, sold, offered for sale, imported, or distributed by or on behalf of [defendant]; identification of the ASIC Products for which such ASIC Method was performed; and identification of the acts of each individual that contributed to performing the ASIC Method.

Status of Aeroflex:	Agreed to produce a witness for a limited part of this topic (Ricoh
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	objects to this limitation) but has not identified who the witness is or the date of the deposition.
Status of AMI:	Agreed to produce a witness for a limited part of this topic (Ricoh objects to this limitation) but has not identified who the witness is or the date of the deposition.
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Status of Matrox Electronics:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrix International:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrox Tech:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.

6. Any relationship, including, but not limited to, any contractual, business, or financial relationship, between Synopsys and [defendant].

Status of Aeroflex:	Agreed to produce a witness for a limited part of this topic (Ricoh objects to this limitation) but has not identified who the witness is or the date of the deposition.
Status of AMI:	Agreed to produce a witness for a limited part of this topic (Ricoh objects to this limitation) but has not identified who the witness is or the date of the deposition.
Status of Matrox Graphics:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrox Electronics:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrix International:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrox Tech:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.

7. Any product, including, but not limited to any software or ASIC Design System product, Synopsys sold, licensed, leased, lent, gave, or otherwise (directly or indirectly) provided to [defendant].

Status of Aeroflex:	Agreed to produce a witness for a limited part of this topic (Ricoh objects to this limitation) but has not identified who the witness is or the date of the deposition.
Status of AMI:	Agreed to produce a witness for a limited part of this topic (Ricoh objects to this limitation) but has not identified who the witness is or the date of the deposition.
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Status of Matrox Electronics:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrix International:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrox Tech:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.

8. Any agreement or other arrangement granting rights in or otherwise concerning ASIC Design Systems and/or use thereof from Synopsys to [defendant] (or from [defendant] to Synopsys),

including but not limited to contracts, licenses, purchase agreements, indemnification agreements, and hold-harmless agreements/covenants not to sue.

Status of Aeroflex:	Agreed to produce a witness for a limited part of this topic (Ricoh objects to this limitation) but has not identified who the witness is or the date of the deposition.
Status of AMI:	Agreed to produce a witness for a limited part of this topic (Ricoh objects to this limitation) but has not identified who the witness is or the date of the deposition.
Status of Matrox Graphics:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrox Electronics:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrix International:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrox Tech:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.

9. Any product designed or otherwise made by [defendant], using any ASIC Design System, including, but not limited to, products designed or made using Design Compiler (or any product that includes Design Compiler).

Status of Aeroflex:	Agreed to produce a witness for a limited part of this topic (Ricoh objects to this limitation) but has not identified who the witness is or the date of the deposition.
Status of AMI:	Agreed to produce a witness for a limited part of this topic (Ricoh objects to this limitation) but has not identified who the witness is or the date of the deposition.
Status of Matrox Graphics:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrox Electronics:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrix International:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrox Tech:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.

10. The identification of any ASIC Design System including, but not limited to, the manufacturer, product name, and version, used by [defendant] to design or otherwise make any product.

Status of Aeroflex:	Agreed to produce a witness for a limited part of this topic (Ricoh objects to this limitation) but has not identified who the witness is or the date of the deposition.
Status of AMI:	Agreed to produce a witness for a limited part of this topic (Ricoh objects to this limitation) but has not identified who the witness is or the date of the deposition.
Status of Matrox Graphics:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrox Electronics:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrix International:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.

Status of Matrox Tech:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
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11. The identification of any software library, cell library, and database used by [defendant] with any ASIC Design System, including, but not limited to, Design Compiler.

Status of Aeroflex:	Agreed to produce a witness for a limited part of this topic (Ricoh objects to this limitation) but has not identified who the witness is or the date of the deposition.
Status of AMI:	Agreed to produce a witness for a limited part of this topic (Ricoh objects to this limitation) but has not identified who the witness is or the date of the deposition.
Status of Matrox Graphics:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrox Electronics:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrix International:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrox Tech:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.

12. The user interface to any ASIC Design System for designing, making or using ASIC Products, including, but not limited to, the user interface for designing, making or using products designed or made using Design Compiler (or any product that includes Design Compiler), and the forms and methods of user input used by or on behalf of [defendant] (whether such input is Verilog, VHDL, HDL, or any other form of input).

Status of Aeroflex:	Agreed to produce a witness for a limited part of this topic (Ricoh objects to this limitation) but has not identified who the witness is or the date of the deposition.
Status of AMI:	Agreed to produce a witness for a limited part of this topic (Ricoh objects to this limitation) but has not identified who the witness is or the date of the deposition.
Status of Matrox Graphics:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrox Electronics:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrix International:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrox Tech:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.

13. The output or netlist (and use thereof) of ASIC Design Systems used by or on behalf of [defendant] to fabricate any product designed or otherwise made, using any ASIC Design System, including, but not limited to, the output or netlist used to fabricate any ASIC Products designed or otherwise made using Design Compiler (or any product that includes Design Compiler).

Status of Aeroflex:	Agreed to produce a witness for a limited part of this topic (Ricoh objects to this limitation) but has not identified who the witness is or the date of the deposition.
Status of AMI:	Agreed to produce a witness for a limited part of this topic (Ricoh



	objects to this limitation) but has not identified who the witness is or the date of the deposition.
Status of Matrox Graphics:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrox Electronics:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrix International:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrox Tech:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.

14. The identification of the steps or other activities making up the ASIC Method used to design or otherwise make ASIC Products that are designed, manufactured, sold, offered for sale, imported, or distributed by or on behalf of [defendant], including, but not limited to, the date(s) such steps or other activity occurred, and, where such step or activity is not performed by [defendant], the person or entity performing such step or activity. Such steps or other activities include, but are not limited to, the use of ASIC Design Systems in: defining a library of available hardware cells; selecting hardware cells based on input specifications; and generating an output or netlist of hardware cells needed to achieve the intended function of an ASIC Product.

Status of Aeroflex:	Agreed to produce a witness for a limited part of this topic (Ricoh objects to this limitation) but has not identified who the witness is or the date of the deposition.
Status of AMI:	Agreed to produce a witness for a limited part of this topic (Ricoh objects to this limitation) but has not identified who the witness is or the date of the deposition.
Status of Matrox Graphics:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrox Electronics:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrix International:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrox Tech:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.

15. Any ASIC Product designed, manufactured, sold, offered for sale, imported, or distributed by or on behalf of [defendant], including, but not limited to the identification for each ASIC Product, any and all order numbers, product numbers, trade names, trade designations, trademarks, common names, model numbers, version numbers, internal code or project names, catalog numbers, and any other designations used by [defendant] (whether or not known to third parties) in connection with that product, including whether the manufacture, offer for sale, or importation of that product is presently continuing, and if not, the date of termination thereof.

Status of Aeroflex:	Agreed to produce a witness for a limited part of this topic (Ricoh objects to this limitation) but has not identified who the witness is or the date of the deposition.
Status of AMI:	Agreed to produce a witness for a limited part of this topic (Ricoh objects to this limitation) but has not identified who the witness is or the date of the deposition.
Status of Matrox Graphics:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrox Electronics:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.



Status of Matrix International:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrox Tech:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.

16. The use by [defendant] of Build Gates, Build Gates Extreme (i.e., "BGE"), Physically knowledgeable synthesis (i.e., "PKS"), Ambit Synthesis, SoC ENCOUNTER and/or any other product of Cadence Design Systems, Inc., including any license and/or use thereof by [defendant].

Status of Aeroflex:	Will not produce a witness.
Status of AMI:	Will not produce a witness.
Status of Matrox Graphics:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrox Electronics:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrix International:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrox Tech:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.

17. The cost savings (actual or potential) by [defendant] as a consequence of licensing or using Build Gates, Build Gates Extreme (i.e., "BGE"), Physically knowledgeable synthesis (i.e., "PKS"), Ambit Synthesis, SoC ENCOUNTER and/or any other product of Cadence Design Systems, Inc.

Status of Aeroflex:	Will not produce a witness.
Status of AMI:	Will not produce a witness.
Status of Matrox Graphics:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrox Electronics:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrix International:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrox Tech:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.

18. The marketing of any product designed, sold, or otherwise made by [defendant] using any ASIC Design System including, but not limited to, any Synopsys ASIC Design System.

Status of Aeroflex:	Will not produce a witness.
Status of AMI:	Will not produce a witness.
Status of Matrox Graphics:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrox Electronics:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrix International:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrox Tech:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.

19. The identification of each individual (including their full name, address, telephone number, job title and description, and employer) who participated in any way in [defendant]'s marketing activities, including but not limited to market research, product testing, business planning, sales, advertising, and production for each [defendant] product.

Status of Aeroflex:	Will not produce a witness.
Status of AMI:	Will not produce a witness.
Status of Matrox Graphics:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrox Electronics:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrix International:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrox Tech:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.

20. The cost savings (actual or potential) as a consequence of licensing or using Design Compiler and/or any other product of Synopsys Inc.

Status of Aeroflex:	Will defer the production of a witness.
Status of AMI:	Will defer the production of a witness.
Status of Matrox Graphics:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrox Electronics:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrix International:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrox Tech:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.

21. The annual dollar and unit volume of sales and/or sales projections in (a) the United States and (b) elsewhere, by [defendant] of each of [defendant]'s ASIC Products.

Status of Aeroflex:	Will defer the production of a witness.
Status of AMI:	Will defer the production of a witness.
Status of Matrox Graphics:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrox Electronics:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrix International:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrox Tech:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.

22. The annual gross profits (gross receipts less cost of goods sold before allowance for operating expenses and taxes) and net profit (gross profit less other cost items) from sales in (a) the United States and (b) elsewhere, by [defendant] of [defendant]'s ASIC Products, including how [defendant] defines each item of cost deducted from gross revenue to calculate gross and net profits.

Status of Aeroflex:	Will defer the production of a witness.
Status of AMI:	Will defer the production of a witness.
Status of Matrox Graphics:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrox Electronics:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrix International:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.

Status of Matrox Tech:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
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23. The sales by [defendant] of each ASIC Product produced by an ASIC Method.

Status of Aeroflex:	Will defer the production of a witness.
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Status of AMI:	Will defer the production of a witness.
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Status of Matrox Graphics:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
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Status of Matrox Electronics:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
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Status of Matrix International:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
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Status of Matrox Tech:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
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24. All facts related to any infringement or non-infringement of the patent-in-suit.

Status of Aeroflex:	Will provide discovery on its non-infringement contentions at an appropriate time in accordance with a schedule set by the court.
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Status of AMI:	Will provide discovery on its non-infringement contentions at an appropriate time in accordance with a schedule set by the court.
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Status of Matrox Graphics:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
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Status of Matrox Electronics:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
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Status of Matrix International:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
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Status of Matrox Tech:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
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25. All facts related to the validity or invalidity of the patent-in-suit.

Status of Aeroflex:	Will provide discovery on its invalidity contentions at an appropriate time in accordance with a schedule set by the court.
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Status of AMI:	Will provide discovery on its invalidity contentions at an appropriate time in accordance with a schedule set by the court.
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Status of Matrox Graphics:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
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Status of Matrox Electronics:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
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Status of Matrix International:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
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Status of Matrox Tech:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
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26. All facts related to enforceability of the patent-in-suit, including but not limited to the applicability or non-applicability of the doctrines of laches and equitable estoppel.

Status of Aeroflex:	Will provide discovery on its enforceability contentions at an appropriate time in accordance with a schedule set by the court.
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Status of AMI:	Will provide discovery on its enforceability contentions at an appropriate time in accordance with a schedule set by the court.
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Status of Matrox Graphics:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrox Electronics:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrix International:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrox Tech:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.

27. The identification of each individual (including their full name, address, telephone number, job title and description, and employer) who participated in any way in any discussions, communications, correspondence, or otherwise with any person from, or any agent representing International Chip Corporation or Knowledge Based Silicon Corporation referring to, relating to, or regarding, directly or indirectly, the patent-in-suit.

Status of Aeroflex:	Is not aware of anyone
Status of AMI:	Is not aware of anyone
Status of Matrox Graphics:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrox Electronics:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrix International:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrox Tech:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.

28. Knowledge by [defendant] of the patent-in-suit prior to January 20, 2003.

Status of all ASIC defendants:	Stated there is no such knowledge
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29. The identification of each individual from [defendant] (including their full name, address, telephone number, job title and description, and employer) who was aware of the patent-in-suit prior to January 20, 2003.

Status of all ASIC defendants:	No response required based on their response to #28.
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30. Any discussions, communications, correspondence, or other contact with any person from, or any agent representing International Chip Corporation or Knowledge Based Silicon Corporation referring to, relating to, or regarding, directly or indirectly, the patent-in-suit.

Status of Aeroflex:	Is not aware of anyone
Status of AMI:	Is not aware of anyone
Status of Matrox Graphics:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrox Electronics:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrix	Has not agreed to offer a witness.

1	International:	
2	Status of Matrox Tech:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.

3 31. Any communications within [defendant] concerning the patent-in-suit.

4	Status of Aeroflex:	Is not aware of any non privileged communications
5	Status of AMI:	Is not aware of any non-privileged communications
6	Status of Matrox Graphics:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
7	Status of Matrox Electronics:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
8	Status of Matrix International:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
9	Status of Matrox Tech:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.

10 32. The identification of all documents concerning all materials presented to any of  
 11 [defendant]'s personnel having managerial responsibility and all agendas or notes of meetings involving  
 12 such personnel which refer to, mention or discuss the patent-in-suit or any possible infringement thereof.

13	Status of Aeroflex:	Is not aware of any non-privileged communications
14	Status of AMI:	Is not aware of any non-privileged communications
15	Status of Matrox Graphics:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
16	Status of Matrox Electronics:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
17	Status of Matrix International:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
18	Status of Matrox Tech:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.

19 33. Any communications between [defendant] and any other defendant concerning the  
 20 patent-in-suit.

21	Status of Aeroflex:	Is not aware of any non-privileged communications
22	Status of AMI:	Is not aware of any non-privileged communications
23	Status of Matrox Graphics:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
24	Status of Matrox Electronics:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
25	Status of Matrix International:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
26	Status of Matrox Tech:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.

27 34. Any communications between [defendant] and Synopsys concerning the patent-in-suit.

28	Status of Aeroflex:	Is not aware of any non-privileged communications
	Status of AMI:	Is not aware of any non-privileged communications
	Status of Matrox Graphics:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.

Status of Matrox Electronics:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrix International:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrox Tech:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.

35. Any communications between [defendant] and any person or entity other than the other defendants and Synopsys concerning the patent-in-suit.

Status of Aeroflex:	Is not aware of any non-privileged communications
Status of AMI:	Is not aware of any non-privileged communications
Status of Matrox Graphics:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrox Electronics:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrix International:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.
Status of Matrox Tech:	Has not agreed to offer a witness.

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11 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

12 SYNOPSYS, INC., ) Case No. C03-02289 MJJ (EMC)  
13 Plaintiff, ) Case No. CV 03-04669 MJJ (EMC)  
14 vs. ) DISCOVERY MATTER  
15 RICOH COMPANY, LTD., )  
16 Defendant. )

17 RICOH COMPANY, LTD., ) **SUBMISSION OF AEROFLEX, AMI,**  
18 Plaintiffs, ) **MATROX COMPANIES AND SYNOPSYS**  
19 v. ) **TO MAGISTRATE JUDGE CHEN**  
20 ) **REGARDING A DISCOVERY PLAN**

20 AEROFLEX INCORPORATED, AMI )  
21 SEMICONDUCTOR, INC., MATROX )  
22 ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS, LTD., MATROX )  
23 GRAPHICS, INC., MATROX )  
24 INTERNATIONAL CORP., and MATROX )  
TECH, INC., )  
Defendants. )

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26 Pursuant to instructions from Magistrate Judge Chen during a March 24 hearing, the parties  
27 met and conferred on several occasions to try to find common ground on a schedule for discovery.  
28 Certain agreements, outlined below, were reached. The parties were, however, unable to agree on the



1 form of a joint submission to the Court. Ricoh insisted, improperly in our view, on inserting  
2 complaints about the scope of Defendants' document production efforts and responses to requests for  
3 admission into what was supposed to be a joint submission concerning scheduling.

4 Despite the Defendants' repeated argument that the Court was seeking a plan that contained the  
5 parties' *agreements* on discovery, Ricoh's proposed "Discovery Plan"<sup>1</sup> is largely a motion to compel  
6 on a large number of discovery issues without a proper meet and confer process or briefing. A review  
7 of the transcript from the Court's March 24, 2004 hearing relevant to this matter shows that the Court  
8 was in fact responding to the Ricoh's lengthy complaint regarding its Rule 30(b)(6) depositions only:

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10 In 30 days, I would expect an agreed upon plan, of both resolution of any issues  
11 that are currently outstanding with respect to these depositions, and the actual sort  
of discovery plan - at least by category if not by witnesses, et cetera. - some  
benchmark in terms of time, so we can see how we are doing.

12 Hearing Transcript from March 24, 2004, at 87:3-8.

13 This passage followed almost ten pages of discussion regarding the scope of Synopsys' and the  
14 Defendants' designation and production of Rule 30(b)(6) deponents. The Court did not order the  
15 parties to present what is in fact a motion to compel on the issues of document production,  
16 interrogatories, or requests for admissions.

17 The discovery disputes raised by Ricoh in the draft submissions that it has shared with counsel  
18 for Defendants raise disputed questions of fact about: i) what scope of discovery from Defendants is  
19 proper, and ii) the extent of which Defendants and Synopsys have produced responsive and relevant  
20 documents. The parties have been contending over the first question since last summer, and indeed the  
21 issues that Ricoh raises were originally presented in August of 2003 to Judge Sleet when this matter  
22 was pending in Delaware. The parties have argued at length in correspondence about what limits, if  
23 any, the Delaware Court placed on discovery, and what bounds are appropriate for discovery. The  
24 factual allegations raised by Ricoh in its draft submission are conclusory and provably false. Because

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26 <sup>1</sup> Defendants and Synopsys have seen draft versions of Ricoh's proposed submission, and base these  
27 comments on that draft. We are, of course, unable to predict the form of the document that Ricoh will  
ultimately submit

1 of the sweeping nature of the allegations made by Ricoh and the complicated procedural history,  
2 Defendants intend to present substantial documentary evidence to rebut Ricoh's allegations. This  
3 matter is, therefore, not suited for resolution in a telephonic conference and Defendants' request that  
4 the Magistrate Judge set Ricoh's motion for full briefing and an in-person hearing.

5 Regarding scheduling of discovery, the parties were able to agree on the following:

6 (1) The parties agreed on an April 30, 2004 date for completion of document  
7 production, save for production of e-mails.

8 (2) The parties agreed on the following mechanical procedure for setting  
9 depositions. Defendants and Synopsys will designate witnesses and provide proposed dates for  
10 deposition on a rolling basis. At any given time, Defendants and Synopsys will make have set  
11 dates for some number "N" different witnesses. Within 10 days of completion of a deposition,  
12 Defendants and Synopsys will identify proposed dates for an at least one subsequent witness.  
13 The dates offered must fall within 40 days of the date of the previously completed deposition.

14 The parties will work cooperatively to stage deposition discovery in the order requested  
15 by Ricoh, to the extent possible.

16 (3) The parties agreed that Defendants and Synopsys will attempt to provide  
17 advance notification of the depositions of Ricoh personnel that it wishes to conduct and Ricoh  
18 will attempt to schedule those depositions within the United States.

19 (4) Defendants and Synopsys agreed to identify a first set of "N" deposition dates  
20 by May 15.

21 With respect to the scheduling of discovery, the following points of disagreement remained:

22 (a) With regard to paragraph 2, above, Ricoh contended that an appropriate number  
23 for "N" was 9. Defendants and Synopsys contend that this number should be 6.

24 (b) Defendants and Synopsys believe that the privilege logs should be completed  
25 by May 7. We do not expect that the Defendants e-mail production is likely to include any  
26 privileged communications, but should that be incorrect, we will supplement. We do not  
27 believe that preparation of Ricoh's privilege log should be fixed to the date for completion of  
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1 production of any e-mail from the Defendants. Ricoh proposed that the party's exchange  
2 privilege logs on a common date, set after production of the Defendants' e-mail.

3 (c) The parties disagreed about a suitable date for completion of production of any  
4 relevant and responsive e-mail from Defendants. Defendants and Synopsys proposed May 31.  
5 Ricoh proposed May 15 (in effect May 17, given the Calendar).

6 Dated: April 23, 2003

Respectfully submitted,

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